March 1800 — April 1820

Warrant for March meeting 1800.

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman Constable. Greeting.

Seal

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 3d day of March next at 2 o'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles Viz—

1st To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting.—

2d To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing.

3d To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.

4th To raise monies to defray the necessary expences of the town the ensuing year and appropriate the same.

5th To choose a committee to view, and consider the situation of the several School houses in Town, and report at the next meeting, or act any thing relating thereto.

6th To abate, suspend the collection of, or direct the Selectmen to give an order for the Taxes set against Rufus Fletcher, Mosher Osgood, Jacob Lovier, William Proctor & John Mears in Mr Constable Wymans rate bill or act any thing relating to the same.

7th To direct their visiting School Committee to examine whether all the monies heretofore appropriated for schooling in the several Districts have been properly expended.—

Given under our hands & Seal this 15th day of February Anno Domini 1800.—

Joseph Wales } Selectmen
Josiah Flagg } of Lancaster

To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to Vote in Town Affairs Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby notified and warned to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant

Lancaster Feb'y 15. 1800—

Benj.a Wyman Constable

Worcester ss. Lancaster March 3d 1800 –

By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the said Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the Meeting house as the law directs –

B Wyman Constable –

The foregoing warrant & return entered by
William Stedman Town Clerk

Proceedings of Mar: meet 1800 –

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster assembled in pursuance of the foregoing warrant & notification on Monday the 3d day of March AD 1800 –

The prudential accounts exhibited by the Selectmen being read, Voted to commit the same for examination to a committee of three persons.
Voted & chose Timothy Whiting, Eli Stearns & Israel Atherton for the said Committee –
Voted & chose William Stedman Town Clerk –
Voted & chose John Maynard Treasurer –
Voted that there should be three Selectmen –
" Chose Joseph Wales, Josiah Flagg, Joseph White } Selectmen –

Voted & chose John Whiting, Jonas Lane, Paul Willard } Assessors –

Voted & chose Thomas Ballard, Saml Wilder 2d, Benj Egerton, William Willard, Seth Sargeant, Jonas Fairbank, River Carter, Peter Thurston, William Wilder, Eli Stearns 2d, John Wilder 3d, John Prescott } Surveyors of Highways

Voted & chose, James Goodwin 2d Thomas Safford,
Caleb Lincoln & Joseph Farwell Field drivers

Voted & chose Jonathan Whitney, Eli Stearns, Surveyors
of Clapboards & Shingles. —

" Chose Aaron Johnson & Jonas Fairbank Fence
Viewers

" Chose Samuel Wilder & Abijah White Surveyors
of Staves & hoops —

" Chose Elisha Rugg & Daniel Goss, Shingmen

" Chose Jonas Lane, Sealer of Leather.

" Chose Joseph Leach & Timothy Whiting, Hogreeves

" Chose Jacob Fowler Pound keeper

" Chose, John Whiting Oliver Carter & Eli Stearns
committee for hiring a Latin Grammar
School master. — —

" Chose, Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer, Israel Atherton
John Sprague, William Stedman, Ebenezer
Torrey, Timothy Whiting, Benjamin
H. Willard, John Whiting, Jonas Lane,
Merrick Rice & Josiah Flagg, a Com-
mittee to visit the Schools. — —

" Chose John Sprague, William Stedman, Merrick
Rice & Ebenr Torrey, Fish Reeves. —

" Chose, Jonas Lane, Joseph Wales & Benjamin
Wyman, a committee for hiring a Singing
School-master. . —

The Votes handed in for a County Treasurer being
counted are Sixty two for Samd Allen of
Worcester.

Voted, To raise Four hundred dollars for repair-
ing high ways, & to be worked out thereon
at the same rates as at the last year. —

Voted, To dismiss the 5th Article. —

On the 6th Article Voted, To abate Rufus Stebbins's
& Hooker Aspood's Taxes. And that the Constable
take Jacob Fowler's note for the amount of his

taxes & thereupon the Selectmen give the Constable an order to discharge him from the collection thereof as a Constable. That the Selectmen draw an order upon the Treasurer for the amount of the taxes severally set to John Mears & William Proctor. —

Voted, to dismiss the seventh article. —

March mtg adjourned to Apr. 7. 1800 —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at 4 o'Clock P.M. at this place. —

John Maynard Moderator

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Adjournm.t of meeting from Jan.y 6. 1800 —

The adjournment of the Meeting from Jan.y 6th last being opened the town proceeded as follows viz

The Report of the committee appointed in pursuance of the third Article in the warrant being made as follows viz —

Almshouse " " —

Your committee appointed on the 6th of January last to consider the expediency of building an Almshouse for the poor of the towne be have attended that service and report as follows. That in their opinion the house owned by the town and which is now occupied by Mr Joseph Beaman would, if repaired (and we think it would be accounomy to do it) answer all the purposes of an Almshouse to keep the poor in, unless in the judgment of the Selectmen (to whom we are willing to confide the business) they can be let out at a cheaper rate —

Lancaster Jan.y 3.d 1800 —

Joseph Wales
Josiah Flagg
Joseph White
Eli Stearns
Saml Ward
Timothy Whiting
John Maynard
} Committee

Voted, To accept the foregoing report. —

Voted, That the committee appointed in pursuance of the second article be directed to report at the April meeting next. —

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John Whiting Moderator

Attest Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Lancaster March 10th 1800. Personally appeared (on the third day of March inst & between that time & the date hereof) John Maynard, Thomas Ballard, Samuel Wilder 2d Benjamin Eggleston, William Willard, Seth Sargeant, Jonas Fairbank, Oliver Carter, Peter Thuntey, William Wilder, Eli Stearns, John Wilder 3d, John Prouty, Highway Surveyors, James Goodenow, Thomas Safford, Caleb Lincoln & Joseph Farwell, Field drivers. Jona Whitney & Eli Stearns, Surveyors of clap boards and shingles. Aaron Johnson & Jonas Fairbank, Fence viewers. Samuel Wilder Surveyor of Staves & hoops. Elisha Rugg & Daniel Goss Tythingmen. Jonas Lane, Sealer of Leather. Timothy Whiting, Hog reeve. Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper. John Sprague & Ebenezer Torrey Fish viewers. John Whiting, Jonas Lane & Paul Willard Assessors. & on the 19th Joseph Leach Hogreeve, and were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing, according to Law.

Before

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Officers sworn. 1800.

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman Constable, Greeting

L.S. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Governour &c and in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of April next at 2 o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes, viz. —

Warrant for April meeting 1800.

1. To give in their votes for Governour, Lieut. Governour Counsellors and Senators for the year ensuing. —
2. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs. —
3. To adopt some suitable measures, to call to account the several school districts relative to the expenditure of the School monies, or act any thing relative thereto —
4. To consider of the expediency of appropriating a certain piece of land, at the north part of the town, where a number of persons are buried, for the purpose of a burying field, or act any thing relative thereto. —

5th. To consider the propriety of restraining neat cattle Horses or Horse kind, Mules or Asses going at large within the limits of the Town the present year, or act any thing relating thereto. —

Given under our hands & seal this 17th day of March A D 1800. —

Joseph White } Selectmen
Josiah Flagg } of Lancaster —

Worcester ss. These are to notify & warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Governour &c. to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant. —

Benjn Wyman Constable —

Lancaster March 17. 1800. —

Worcester ss. Lancaster Apr: 7. 1800 —

By virtue of the within warrant I notified & warned the freeholders & inhabitants of said town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place mentioned therein by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs — Benjn Wyman Constable —

The foregoing warrant & return entered by
Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

Votes for Govr &c Apr: 1800.

At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester qualified as the Constitution provides to vote for Senators and Representatives duly warned & assembled on the first Monday in April A D 1800 being the seventh day of said months —

The Votes handed to the Selectmen for Governour Lieut: Governour, Councellors & Senators are as follow viz. —

For Governour,		For Lieut: Governour	
Hon: Caleb Strong	97.	His Honor Moses Gill	115.
Hon: Elbridge Gerry	50.	Hon: Fisher Ames	2.
His Honor Moses Gill	1.	Hon: Edward H. Robbins	1.

Councellors & Senators —

Elijah Brigham	109.	Genl Jno Whiting	20.	Jno Sprague	2.
Salem Town	119.	Levi Lincoln	19.	Daniel Bigelow	2.
Josiah Stearns	103.	Col. Saml Jones	13.	Nathl Paine	2.
Thomas Hale	98.	Joseph Stone	9.	Artemas How	2.
Bezaleel Taft	96.	Col. Thos Denny	8.	Benja Heywood	1.
				Moses Hale	1.

Voted, and chose John Maynard Moderator.

On the third article, Voted to choose a committee of three, to call to account the several school districts respecting the expenditures of the school monies. —

Voted & chose William Stedman, Benj.a W. Willard and Daniel Stearns said committee —

On the 4th article Voted to commit this article to a committee of three —

Voted & chose Benj.a W. Willard, Col. Jonas Lane & Capt. Benjamin Wyman, for said committee.

On the 5th article, Voted, That neat cattle horses & horse kind Mules or asses be restrained from going at large within the limits of the Town, from the 10th of April inst: to the 1st of November next. —

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John Maynard Moder.r

Att.r Wm Stedman, Town Clerk.

Adjournm.t of Mar: Meet.g 1800

Proceedings

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster held on Monday the 7th day of April AD 1800 at 4 o'Clock P.M. by adjournment from March 3d being the annual March meeting. The Town proceeded as follows. viz —

Joseph Wales excusing himself from serving as a Selectman the present year,

Voted by ballot & chose Thomas Ballard a Selectman in his stead. —

The report of the Committee appointed to examine the prudential accounts for the past year being read Voted to accept the same. —

The Accounts & report are as follow. —

Prudentials for 1799 — exhibited Mar: 1800 —

Account of expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 4. 1799. to March 3d. 1800. for which the Selectmen have given Orders on the Treasurer amounting to the following sums. viz.

To relief of Jotham Woods & wife in	1798	$7. 37	
" Support of	D.o	1799	42. 70
" clothing	D.o	D.o	4. 67
" Funeral charges of Jotham Woods			14. 07
" Doctoring	D.o	1798	3. 55
			$2. 36

arried over

8.

Amount brot over	$		72,36.
To relief of Moses Dickerson, wife & family 1798	13, 20.		
" clothing Do Do Do	6, 87.		
" doctering Do Do Do	5, 34.		
" support of Moses Dickerson & wife " 1799	36, 00.		
" clothing Do Do	20, 71.		82, 12
" support of Lucy Priest " 1798	12, 00		
Do Do 1799	50, 31.		
" clothing Do Do	5, 75		68, 06
" relief of Jno Britton in 1798	8, 00		
" doctering Do Do	9, 19.		17, 19
" support of Sally Manning in 1797	0, 61.		
" Do Do in 1798	10, 11.		
" cloathing Do Do	4, 71		
" consideration given for her indentures	28, 00		43, 43
" relief of the family of William Depuitron pr viz, paid the Town of Townshends account	5, 00		
" expence of moving	5, 00		
" support	64, 67.		
" clothing (all in 1799)	23, 11		97, 78
" relief of Wm Depuitron & wife in 1797	2, 33		
" cloathing Do Do	4, 34		
" doctering Do 1798	5, 72		
" support Do 1799	54, 17		
" clothing Do Do	6, 97		73, 53
" support of Mercy Manning in 1798	37, 50		
" Do Do 1799	20, 00		57, 50
" support of Betsy Brown in 1798	1, 00		
" Do Do 1799	4, 40		5, 40
" support of Martha Wheelock in 1798	18, 33		
" cloathing Do Do	. 91		
" support Do 1799	35, 84		
" cloathing Do Do	4, 25		59, 33
For relief of Levi White in 1799	17, 50		17, 50
" support of Lucy Dickerson " 1799	21, 50		
" cloathing Do Do	3, 68.		25, 18.
" relief of Nathaniel Miller & family in 1798	18, 00		
" doctering Do Do Do	6, 14		
" funeral charges of his child	5, 83		
" clothing for his son Nathan " 1799	2, 58.		32, 55
" support of James Dickerson " 1799	15, 84		
" clothing Do " Do	9, 64		25, 48.
" relief of Lois Haskell " 1798	2, 08		2, 08.
support of Jane Kendall in 1799 viz paid the Town of Brookfield for prior relief pr Account	117, 68		
" expence of settling with their Agent	4, 32		
" [illegible] Barnett	0 84		
" support	39 75		
" clothing	7, 82		170, 41
			849, 90

Amount brot up		$	849, 90
For support of Jerusha Osgood in	1798	8, 33	
" d° d° "	1799	32, 25	
" clothing d° "	d°	00, 61	41, 19
" doctering Mary Crossman "	1798	5, 58	5, 58
" support of Widow Harris	1795	21, 17	21, 17
" doctering Jno Priest & wife "	1797	7, 42	7, 42
" relief of Calvin Phelps in	1799	3, 13	3, 13
" doctering Hannah Fletcher in	1796.1797	17, 28	17, 28
" overseeing the Poor "	1799	45, 00	45, 00
Total expence of Poor paid in	1799		$990, 67
For assessing taxes for	1798	7, 33	
" stationary for Assessors in	d°	0, 20	
" assessing taxes for	1799	28, 00	
" stationary for Assessors "	d°	0, 60	
" entertainment of Assessors in	1798	8, 88	
" d° d° "	1799	20, 13	65, 14
" a balance for entertainment of Selectmen in	1798	6, 42	
" d° d°	1799	9, 89	16, 31
" entertainment of committees in	1799	4, 28	4, 28
" building fence round new burying field pr contract in	1798	106, 67	
" labour at d° in	d°	0, 83	
" labour at d° in	1799	10, 77	
" materials for d° "	d°	11, 67	
" recording deeds of d°		1, 14	131, 08
" collecting taxes in	1797	70, 67	
" d° d° "	1798	100, 11	170, 78
" support of Latin Grammar School	1798	50, 00	
" wood for d°	d°	16, 78	
" boarding master of d°	d°	16, 00	
" support of d°	1799	66, 67	
" wood for d°	d°	7, 34	
" boarding master of d°	d°	37, 33	
" necessary house for d° "		15, 00	
" repairing school house "		0, 42	209, 54
" materials for repairs of Sprague's Bridge in	1798	10, 73	
" d° d° d° in	1799	119, 38	
" labour at d° d° "	d°	85, 02	
" committees expences d° d° "	d°	3, 88	219, 01
Amount carried over		$	1806, 81

Amount brot. over . . . $ . . . 1806,81

1. Statement of taxes viz.

John Campbells	1796	5,42	
Abner Whitney's	d°	0,23	
Nathaniel Miller	1797	2,08	
Stephen Pratt	d°	4,50	
William Sharers	d°	1,86	

By Assessors certificate

Charles Whitney's 1798	$2,08		
Heirs of Josiah Wilder d°	8,02		
Mary Conquerets 1799	1,76		
Ebenezer Bloods 1799	2,07		
Brigham's d°	2,07		
Samuel Stevens d°	2,07		
Thomas Richardsons d°	0,10		
Obadiah Holts d°	0,18		
	18,35		
deducting for real estate of Charles Whitney & Obad^h Holt	2,85	15,50	29,59

For part pay for making a new Road by Simon Butler's 1799		80,00	
" d° d° from Leominster line d°		45,16	
" clearing out d° to Sawyer's Mills "		15,50	
" costs for not keeping a road by Jno Whites in repair "		15,54	
" repairing Canoe brook bridge "		2,00	
" d° Wickapuchett d° "		0,84	
" d° a small bridge nigh Poniken Mills "		0,75	
" d° d° on the road to Aaron Sawyers "		2,40	
" a record of laying out Simon Butler's road		0,33	
" repairing a small bridge nigh Moses Sawyer's "		1,25	
" d° d° " Saml Allens "		0,67	
" d° d° " Spragues Mills "		7,50	
" damage for road laid out thro' land of James Liswell Jacob Sweetser & Divol place		62,00	233,94
" stock of Powder (in part)		25,00	
" lead	$20,00		
" Moulds	2,00		
casting balls	4,25	Town's Stock 26,25	
" casting powder & lead		0,84	
" a cartridge box		2,17	54,26
" repairs of Whitings Bridge viz			
Labour in 1799		8,69	
materials " d°		11,42	20,11
" repairs of Pracken Bridge viz			
materials in 1798		94,00	
labour " d°		1,00	
materials " 1799		24,51	
labour " d°		47,74	167,25
" repairs of White's bridge, Labour 1799		5,00	5,00
" stationary for the Selectmen		4,12	4,12
" repairing the meeting house in 1799		1,20	
" sweeping & taking care of d° " d°		7,00	
" shrouding the Pulpit Feby 22. 1800		24,00	32,20

Amount carried up . . . $ 2353,28

Amount brot up		$	2353, 28.
For	support of Engl. Grammar Schools	500, 00	500, 00
"	Revd Nathl Thayer's Salary	400, 00	400, 00
"	postage of letters from Andover & Brookfield	0, 20	0, 20
"	support of Singing School 1799	0, 20	0, 20.
For	perambulating Lines in 1799	8, 92	8, 92
"	recording births d°	1, 04	
"	d° deaths d°	1, 20	2, 24
"	costs of continuing actions brot against the town by James Carter Jr	6, 00	6, 00.
			$3270, 84

Lancaster March 3d.
1800 —

Joseph Wales
Josiah Flagg
Joseph White
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Dr. Capt. John Maynard Town Treasurer in a/c with the Town of Lancaster Cr.

1799 Mar. 4.	To balance of Assessments for the year 1798 in the Treasury	$2556, 9	1799 Apr. 15.	By Town Orders, 1st Ent.	712, 92
May. "	cash paid by Jonas Lane & Benj. Hyman for rent of the Wheelock farm in 1798	59, 36	Nov. 4.	" d° d° d°	748, 6
"	Sundry assessments being town tax for 1799	2100	1800 Feby 28.	" d° d° d°	159, 78
"	Minister tax	400		" d° d° d°	59, 36
"	surplusage of town tax	2, 63		" d° d° d°	1094, 14
"	d° Minister d°	1, 11		" d° d° d°	476, 66
"	d° State d°	1, 53		" balance due and carried to new acct.	2028, 61
1800 Jany. "	cash paid by the Town of Southboro' for the support of Jn. Britton	33, 02			
"	cash on funded Securities	4, 54			
"	cash pd by Merrick Rice for his Note	46, 96			
"	cash pd by Aaron Johnson on his Note	20, --			
"	d° pd by Jonas Lane for d°	49, 39			
"	d° " Henry Haskell for articles sold at Auction	" 63			
"	cash paid by Treasurer of Ashburnham for relief of Coolidge a pauper	4, 27			
		$5279, 53			$5279, 53

Feby 28th 1800 —

John Maynard Treasr

Josiah Flagg
Joseph White
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Your Committee appointed to examine the Prudential Accounts of the Town for the last year, have attended that business — and report, that they find them kept in manner as prescribed by the Town — That the Statement thereof made to the Town comports with the Books which appear to be regularly & very handsomely kept & properly vouched. —

Lancaster April 4. 1800 —

Timothy Whiting
Israel Atherton
Eli Stearns —
} Committee

Money raised for 1800 –

Voted. To raise Twenty seven hundred & fifty dollars to defray the expences of the Town the current year. —

Voted, to appropriate four hundred dollars thereof for the Revd Nathaniel Shayer's Salary the current year —

Voted to appropriate Five hundred dollars for the support of English Grammar Schools, and Two hundred dollars for the support of a Latin Grammar School the current year. —

Mar: meetg adjourn'd to May 5. 1800 —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in May next at 4° Clock P.M. to meet at this place. — John Maynard Modr

Attr. Wm Sludman Town Clerk

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman Constable of the Town of Lancaster, Greeting —

(L.S.)

Warrant for May meetg 1800 —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Representative, and in town Affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday the 5th day of May next at 2° Clock P.M. for the following purposes. viz. —

1st To choose a person to represent them at the General Court appointed to be held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next.

2d To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs.

3d To adopt measures for opening the road leading from James Fuller's, to the road lately laid out from Sawyers Mills to Berlin, or act any thing, or act any thing relating to the obstructions said to be placed in said road.

4th To hear the report of their Committee chosen the 6th of January last, for the purpose of considering the advantages which may arise from a turnpike thro' the Town, or from alteration in the roads and bridges, and to devise means for lessening the expences in building bridges & making roads &c.

5th To hear the report of their Committee chosen at April meeting to see whether the monies heretofore paid the several School Districts in Town have been properly applied.

6th To consider the necessity of fencing the old Common burying field or act any thing relating thereto. —

7th To consider the necessity of painting the meeting house

Given under our hands & Seal this twenty first day of April AD 1800. —

Thomas Ballard } Selectmen
Joseph White } of
Josiah Flagg } Lancaster.

Lancaster April 21. 1800.

These are to notify & warn the Freeholders & inhabitants of said town to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Benja Wyman Constle —

Lancaster May 5. 1800. By virtue of the within Warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs.

Benja Wyman Constable.

Entered by Wm Fleetman Town Clerk

May meet.g proceedings 1800 —

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for representative & in town affairs duly assembled on Monday May 5th 1800 at 2 Clock P.M. —

Voted to choose a Representative to the General Court the present year.

A letter addressed to the Selectmen & communicated to the town, from the Hon: John Sprague esqr, requesting that he may not be considered as a candidate for representative, being read, thereupon, Voted, That as the Hon: John Sprague esqr has seen fit to manifest his determination & request for the reasons set forth in his communication to the town not to be considered as a candidate for their representative the ensuing year, The town do request him to accept of their thanks for his past attentive & faithful services in that station. —

May meet 1800 — Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to present a copy of the preceding vote to Hon: John Sprague esqr Chose Israel Thorndike, John Whiting, & Merrick Rice esqrs said Committee. —

The votes handed in to the Selectmen for a representative being counted & sorted are as follows viz whole number 106.

Samuel Ward esqr had 85

Jno Whiting esqr " 21. —

The Selectmen declare the choice of Samuel Ward esqr for their representative. —

Voted & chose Samuel Ward esqr Moderator.

On the 3d article, Voted to pass over this article.

On the 4th article, Voted to accept the report of the Committee now read. — as follows viz —

Lancaster May 5. 1800 —

Your Committee appointed to consider of the second article in the warrant for the Town meeting on the 6th day of January last have attended the business of their appointment and report as followeth viz. 1st That it may be expedient to take some effectual measures to see if a sufficient number of subscribers for a turnpike corporation from the turnpike in Leominster by Lancaster meeting house to Bolton & Stow to Walkhume can be obtained, and a corporation established that may free the town from the expence of several Bridges & otherwise accommodate the public.

2. That an alteration in the Road from Lancaster meeting house to the old Common croping the River a little below the meetings agreeable to the plan herewith exhibited would greatly benefit the public as well as a great part of the inhabitants of the town, and ought to be effected when the circumstances of the Town are most favorable therefor, and may, with the aid of private subscriptions, which your committee are of opinion would amount to a considerable part of the expence.

3d Your committee are of opinion that the small bridges should be built with stones where it is practicable.

4th The larger bridges may be effected by a turnpike corporation, or the alteration of the road mentioned in

The 2d article of this report, and therefore the further consideration of this subject may be better determined by a future committee than by the present. May meetg 1800 -

The Committee have viewed & caused the road from Mr Leightons over George Hill to the old common & the road now travelled thereform by the meeting House Hill to be surveyed as pr the aforesaid Plan & find the distance as therein represented but do not think it expedient to report any further alteration. see plan on file with the report -

Merrick Rice
Jon[a] Wilder
Eli Stearns
Daniel Rugg. — —

John Sprague
Saml Ward
Moses Sawyer
Timothy Whiting
John Maynard
John Thurston
Wm Stedman

On the first article in the foregoing report. Voted to choose a committee of three to effect the measures there mentioned.

Chose Majr Rice, Samuel Ward, & Wm Stedman, said Committee. —

Voted that a committee be appointed on the 2d article in the same report, to obtain the aid of private subscriptions to promote the design of the article.

Voted & chose John Sprague, Timothy Whiting esqrs & Mr Thomas Ballard said committee.

Voted to accept the report mentioned in the 5th article in the warrant. (see report on file)

On the 6th article, Voted, to choose a committee to erect a rail fence round the burying field near the old Common.

Voted & chose Jonas Lane, Timothy Whiting & John Whiting esqr said committee

On the report made respecting the burying field at the North end of the Town — Voted to accept it. — (see rept on file)

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Saml Ward Modr

Attst Wm Stedman Town Clerk.

May meetg. 1800

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster held on Monday the fifth day of May A.D. 1800 at 4 o'Clock P.M. by adjournment of March meeting last, from the first monday in April last. The town proceeded as follows, viz.

Voted, by ballot, & chose Capt: Benjamin Wyman Constable for the ensuing year.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John Maynard Modr.

Attr. Wm Stedman, Town Clerk.

Constable sworn

Lancaster June 9. 1800. Benjamin Wyman personally appeared & took the oath, prescribed by law, to qualify him to serve as a Constable for the Town of Lancaster the ensuing year

Before

Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Seal

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman Constable of the Town of Lancaster. Greeting.

Warrant for meetg. to choose Repr: for Congress Augt: 25-

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Lancaster duly qualified to vote for representatives in the general court of said commonwealth, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the 25th day of August instant at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a representative of the people of said commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the fourth western District, in the room of the Hon. Dwight Foster esqr elected a Senator of the United States, one who has resigned his seat as a Representative.

Given under our hands and Seal this 4th day of August Anno Domini 1800—

Josiah Flagg
Joseph White
Thomas Ballard
} Selectmen of Lancaster

These are to notify & warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant —
Lancaster Aug: 4th 1800. — Benjn Wyman Constable

Lancaster August 25. 1800

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders & inhabitants of the Sd Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the within warrant by posting the same as the law directs — Benja Wyman Constable —

Entered by Wm Stedman Town Clerk —

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth legally assembled on Monday the 25th day of August A.D 1800 at 3 o'Clock P.M.

Votes for Rep: to Congress Aug: 25 1800

The votes given in to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the fourth western district in the room of the Hon. Dwight Foster Esqr elected a Senator of the United States, and who has resigned his seat as a Reprentative, being sorted & counted are as follows viz.

For Jabez Upham esqr 52. Levi Lincoln esqr 42. —

Attr William Stedman Town Clerk.

Seal

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman, Constable of the town of Lancaster, Greeting

Warrant for meetg to vote for Rep: to Congress. Octr 20 1800

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Lancaster, duly qualified to vote for representatives in the general court of said Commonwealth, to assemble at the meeting house in said town, on Monday the 20th instant at 3 o'Clock in the afternoon for the following purposes, viz —

1. To give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States, for the fourth Western District, in the room of the Hon. Dwight Foster Esq elected a Senator

1800. of the United States, and who has resigned his seat as a Representative.

2d. To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs.

3d. To order their collector to complete his collection of taxes by the first monday of April next, or act or transact any thing relating thereto.

4. To adopt suitable measures for opening and making the road lately laid out from the guide post near the meeting house to the old Common, and for building the bridge across the River on the same road, and to direct the application of any monies or labour that may be subscribed for those purposes, or act any thing relating to the subject of this article.

5. To choose an agent to oppose any alteration on the road at the north part of the town, or act any thing relating thereto.

Given under our hands & Seal this sixth day of October A D 1800 —

Josiah Flagg } Selectmen
Joseph White } of
Thomas Ballard } Lancaster

These are to notify & warn the freeholders & inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representative, to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Lancaster Octr 6. 1800 Benjn Wyman Constle

Worcester ss. Lancaster Octr 20 1800. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders & inhabitants of said town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned therein by posting the same as the Law directs —

B Wyman Constable —

Recorded by Wm Stedman Town Clerk

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth duly assembled on Monday the 20th day of October A.D 1800. —

The votes given in to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the Fourth Western District in the room of the Hon. Dwight Foster esqr elected a Senator of the United States, and who has resigned his seat as a Representative being sorted & counted are as follow viz. —

For Jabez Upham esqr 68. Levi Lincoln esqr 26
Joth Hastings esqr 3. —

Votes for Repr: to Congress Octr 20. 1800

Voted & chose John Maynard Moderator —

Voted to dismiss the 3d article. —

On the 4th article, Voted to choose a committee to carry into effect the measures referred to in this article —

Voted that this committee consisth of five —

Chose, John Maynard
Moriah Rice
John Thurston
Eli Stearns
Timothy Whiting
} Committee —

New Rock Bridge &c &c

Voted that the same committee be authorized to contract for stone or wood materials for building the bridge, or any other bridges that may be necessary on the road mentioned in the 4th article; and to report at the adjournment of this meeting, the amount of monies necessary for the purchase of those materials — and also to report as soon as may be a suitable model for the Bridge, together with an estimate of the whole expences for making the bridges & opening the road.

Voted to dismiss the 5th article. —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in November next at 2 o'Clock P.M. —

John Maynard Modr.

Attr. Wm Stedman, Town Clerk

1800.

(Seal)

Warrant for meeting to vote for Rep: to Congress Nov 3.

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman Constable of the town of Lancaster — — — — — Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Lancaster duly qualified to vote for representatives in the general court of said Commonwealth to assemble at the meeting house in said town, on Monday the third day of November next at 1 Clock in the afternoon for the following purpose viz —

To give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the fourth Western District.

Given under our hands and seal at Lancaster aforesaid this 20th day of Octr A D 1800. —

Josiah Flagg, Thomas Ballard } Selectmen of Lancaster.

These are to notify & warn the freeholders & inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representative to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant —

B. Wyman Constable

Lancaster Octr 20. 1800 —

Lancaster Novr 3d 1800. Pursuant to the within warrant the inhabitants of Lancaster have been duly notified as within directed, by posting this warrant at the meeting house as the law directs — Benj. Wyman Constable —

Entered per Wm Stedman Town Clerk

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth duly assembled on Monday the 3d day of November 1800. at 1 Clock PM. —

Votes for Rep: to Congress Novr 3d —

The votes given in to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the fourth Western District are as follows viz —

For. Jaber Upham esqr 104.
" Wm. Lavi Lincoln esqr 57.
" John Hastings esqr 1.

Attest Wm Stedman, Town Clerk

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Lancaster held on the first monday in Novr. 1800, by adjournment from Octr 20th last, at 2 o'clock P.M.—

The Committee appointed under the 4th article in the warrant for this meeting not being ready to make report — Voted to dissolve this meeting—

John Maynard Modr

Attr Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Lancaster & Leominster lines perambulated Octr 30. 1800.

We the subscribers, as the Law directs, have this thirtieth day of October 1800, perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the Towns of Lancaster and Leominster which bounds are as follows, beginning at the Nor. east corner of the Houghton farm at Lunenburg line being a stake & stones and runs South 23° west 31. rods to an heap of stones, South 57° west 160 rods to an heap of stones South 17° west 23 rods to a white oak stump by the meadow — then South 4° east 44 rods to a white ash tree, then east 32° South 12 rods to a white oak stump & stones, then South 14° west 68 rods to a white oak tree & stones by the road, then South 56° west 39 rods to a white oak tree and large stone, then North 29° west 94 rods to the south west corner of the Houghton farm — then South 19½° west 57½ rods to a stake & stones then South 18° west 242 rods to a stump & stones, South 16½° west 47½ rods to a pitch pine tree & 7½ rods to the road, 325 rods to a small pitch pine tree the south side of the river, then South 19½° west 94 rods to an oak stump & stones by the road to Capt Warners, then South 14° west 86 rods to a red oak tree, then South 17½° west 136 rods to a pitch pine tree on the hill, then South 16½° west 136½ rods to a pine stump and stones at Leominster & Sterling corner. —

Thomas Ballard, Selectman of Lancaster
John Maynard by appointment.

John Simonds } Selectmen
John Buss } of
John Gardner } Leominster

Entered Attr Wm Stedman Town Clerk

22.

1800-

Seal

Warrant for meetg Decr 15 1800

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman Constable of the town of Lancaster, Greeting.

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Lancaster duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said Commonwealth, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the fifteenth day of December next at 2 o'Clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States for the Fourth Western district in the room of the Hon. Dwight Foster esquire elected a Senator of the United States and who has resigned his seat as a Representative. —

And to act on the following articles viz

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

2d. To reconsider a vote of the Town passed at an adjournment of the annual March meeting 1795 which accepted the report of a committee, appointed to take into consideration the ninth article in the warrant for the said annual meeting respecting the subject of School districts, schooling and school-houses, or act any thing relating thereto. —

Given under our hands & seal at Lancaster aforesaid this 1st day of December A.D 1800. —

Josiah Flagg } Selectmen
Joseph White } of
Thomas Ballard } Lancaster

These are to notify & warn the freeholders & inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant — Benjn Wyman Constable —

Lancaster Decr 1st 1800.

Lancaster Decr 15. 1800. In obedience to the within precept I have notified the inhabitants of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in within warrant by posting the same at the meeting house according to Law

B. Wyman Constable

Entered, Wm Stedman Town Clerk

Proceedings of Meeting Decr 15. 1800.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth duly assembled on Monday the fifteenth day of December A.D 1800. at 2 o'Clock P.M.—

The votes given in to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the fourth western district in the room of the Hon. Dwight Foster esq^r elected a Senator of the United States and who has resigned his seat as a Representative, being sorted & counted, are as follows viz.

For Jabez Upham esq^r	43.
Levi Lincoln esq^r	30
Timothy Whiten esq^r	1.

Voted & chose John Maynard Moderator—

John Maynard declining to serve.

Voted & chose John Whiting Moderator.

On the 2^d Article, Voted, to commit this article to the consideration of a committee consisting of eighteen, two to be chosen from each school district.

Voted & chose, Paul Willard, Joseph Farwell, James Goodwin, William Gould, Thomas Ballard, Daniel Stearns, Samuel Ward, William Wilder, Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns, Jonathan Wilder, John Whiting, Jonas Fairbank, John Thurston, John Hunt, John Prescott, Titus Wilder, Charles Chace, said committee

they to report thereon at March meeting next.—

Voted to dissolve this meeting.—

John Whiting Moderator

Attest—

Wm Stedman, Town Clerk.—

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman Constable —— Greeting.

Seal.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday, the second day of March next at 1° Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

Warrant for March meeting 1801.

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
2. To choose town Officers for the year ensuing.
3. To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.
4. To raise money to defray the necessary expences of the town for the year ensuing, and appropriate the same.
5. To choose a Committee, the same to procure the necessary materials, to put and keep the several large Bridges in Town in good Repair, the ensuing year, in the most durable & least expensive method they can adopt.
6. To abate, suspend, or give an Order for the Taxes set to Lemuel Barrett, Ephraim Evelish, Oliver Geary, Benjamin Butler, Isaac Cowdry, William Flood, and Reuben Weatherbee, or act any thing relating the same.
7. To order the sale of what Stock the town holds in the funds or act any thing relating thereto.
8. To hear the Report of their Committee for Subscriptions, for opening a Road from the Meeting house to the Old Common, or act any thing relative to the Collection or application of said Money.
9. To hear the Report of their Committee directed to furnish a model for a Bridge to cross the River, in the above Road, purchase materials &c. and act any thing relative to carrying the same into effect, together with opening said Road.
10. To authorize the Selectmen, to license Dr Israel Atherton, to inoculate with the Small pox, for the purpose of ascertaining the efficacy of the Kine pox.

Given under our hands and seal this sixteenth day of Feby A. D. 1801.

Josiah Flagg
Joseph White } Selectmen
Thomas Ballard

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Benjamin Wyman Constable.

Lancaster March 2nd 1801.

Agreeable to the within request, I have notified and warned the freeholders and inhabitants of said Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the within Warrant, by posting the same at the Meeting house as the Law directs

Benjamin Wyman Constable.

The foregoing Warrant and return entered by

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Proceedings of Mar. Meeting 1801.

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster assembled in pursuance of the Warrant and notification for that Purpose on Monday the second day of March A. D. 1801.

Voted and Chose John Whiting Moderator.

Prudentials read and committed to a Committee of Three. Voted & Chose Timothy Whiting, Eli Stearns, Ebenr. Torrey } Said Committee

Voted and Chose Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Voted and Chose Daniel Stearns Town Treasurer.

Voted that there should be chosen three Selectmen.

Voted & Chose Josiah Flagg, Joseph White, Thomas Ballard } Selectmen.

Voted and chose Jonas Lane, Samuel Ward, John Maynard } Assessors.

Voted and Chose Jeremiah Ballard, Merrick Rice, Aaron Jones, Joseph Farwell, Nathl. Whitemore, Elijah Houghton Jr., Abner Pollard, Josiah Bowers, John Carter, Eli Stearns, Charles Chase, Moses Sawyer Jr. } Surveyors of Highways.

1801.
Proceedings
Mar. meeting
Contin'd

Voted and Chose — John Whiting, Merrick Rice, John Thurston — Committee for hiring Latin Grammar School Master.

Voted and Chose — Calvin Wilder, Abijah White, Jonas Jolyn, Stephen Wilder — Field-drivers.

" " Chose Rev.d Nath.l Thayer, Chairman.
" " District No.1. Benjamin W. Willard
" " 2. James Goodwin
" " 3. William Gould
" " 4. John Maynard
" " 5. Jacob Fisher
" " 6. William Stedman
" " 7. Josiah Hogg
" " 8. Tim.o Whiting
" " 9. John Thurston
" " 10. John Hunt
" " 11. Stephen Wilder
" " — Committee for Visiting Schools.

" " Chose Jonathan Whitney, Eli Stearns — Surveyors of boards and Shingles.

" Chose Aaron Johnson, John Thurston — Fence Viewers

" " Chose Mannesah Wilder, Daniel Goss — Tything men

" " Chose Jonas Lane — Sealer of Leather.

" Chose Luther Sawyer, John Wilder — Hogreeves

" " Chose Jacob Sweetser — Pound keeper.

" " Chose Merrick Rice, William Stedman, Ebenezer Sawtell, Eli Stearns — Fish Wardens

" " Chose Abijah White, Samuel Wilder — Surveyors of Bows & Hoops.

The Votes handed in for a County Treasurer being counted are Seventy Two: For Mr Samuel Allen 71
for Timothy Whiting 1

Voted to accept the Report of the School Committee now read as follows. viz.

The Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the 2nd Article in the Warrant of Dec. last relative to Schools &c. have duly considered the Subject and report

That the several Districts shall be formed as follows. viz.

School Districting Report.

District No 1. The Inhabitants and estates living within a line drawn south of John White's from the West bank of Nashua River running westerly, north of the farm lately owned by Reuben Lippenwell, and Joseph Rugg's, thence North including the Farm of John Mycall to Shirley line. —

District No 2. Beginning east of Peter Atherton's & running west of Asa Warner's to the north branch of Nashua River, including all the Inhabitants and estates between this, and Leominster and Lunenburgh lines. —

District No 3. Beginning south of Samuel Damon's and running westerly, South of Nathaniel Whitemore's to the small Bridge north of Asa Warner's, including all the Inhabitants and Estates, northwardly, not comprized in Districts No 1. & 2.

District No 4. Beginning south of Abel Rugg's, thence easterly south of Joseph Rogers's thence north, east of John Maynard's to the River, including the Inhabitants and Estates near Quasiponaken Mills, & Asa Warner's Farm, comprizing all the Inhabitants and Estates, south of the Northern Branch of Nashua River to Leominster and Sterling lines. —

District No 5. Beginning south of Ephraim Direll's running easterly to the South of Caleb Lincoln's thence northerly to Quasiponaken Brook including such Inhabitants and Estates as are not numbered in the above Districts.

District No 6. Beginning at the Centre Bridge, thence easterly by the River, to the Neck Bridge, including all the Inhabitants and Estates northwardly, not numbered in the foregoing Districts. —

District No 7. Beginning at the River south of Sawyer's Bridge, thence westerly south of Peter Thurston's and Goss's William Wilder to Sterling line including the

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Inhabitants and estates west of the River not comprised in the above Districts.

District N°8. Beginning at the Neck Bridge ascending the southern branch of Nashua River, south of the farm owned by the heirs of Judge Sprague, thence East to Bolton line comprizing the Inhabitants, and estates not included in the foregoing Districts.

District N°9. Beginning west of Peter Thurston's farm thence south, by a line drawn east of Jacob Stone's farm to Boylstone line, including the Inhabitants and Estates to the West, not comprized in the above Districts.

District N°10. Bounded west by District N°9. north by District N°7. East by the South branch of Nashua River & South by Boylstone.

District N°11. Includes the inhabitants and Estates East of the South branch of Nashua River, not comprized in the foregoing Districts. — — — — — — —

Paul Willard
Joseph Farwell
James Goodwin
William Gould
Thomas Ballard
Daniel Stearns
Jacob Fisher
Eli Stearns
Jonathan Wilder
John Whiting
John Thurston
Titus Wilder
Jonas Fairbank
John Prescott
William Wilder
John Hunt.

Voted to pass over the 4th Article.

Voted to pass over the 5th Article.

Voted to pass over the 6th Article.

Voted to direct the Treasurer to dispose of what Stock the Town holds in the United States Fund. —

Voted to pass over the 8th Article.

1801

Mar: meeting cont.

Voted to accept the Model or plan of a Wooden Bridge to be erected over the River on the new Road leading from the meeting House to the Old Common. — — —

Report for a plan & Estimate for the Piles. —

Voted that the opening and completeating the new Road, and building the Bridges as mentioned in the 9th Article of the Warrant be entrusted with the Committee raised for the purpose of furnishing a model purchasing materials, and executing the Work.

John Maynard
Merrick Rice
John Thurston
Tim° Whiting
Eli Stearns
} said Committee

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to license Dr Israel Atherton to Inoculate for the small pox, to Ascertain the efficacy of the Kine pox. —

Voted to adjourn this meeting, to the last Monday in April next at 4 o'Clock P.M. — to meet at this place.

John Whiting Moder.

Attest Josiah Hagg Town Clerk.

Officers Sworn. 1801.

Lancaster March 9th 1801. Personally appeared on the (second day of March instant & between that time and the date hereof) Daniel Stearns Treasurer, Jeremiah Ballard, Merrick Rice, Aaron Jones, Joseph Farwell, Nath.l Whittemore, Elijah Houghton, Abner Pollard, Josiah Bowers, John Carter, Eli Stearns, Charles Chase & Moses Sawyer Jun. Surveyors of Highways. Calvin Wilder, Abijah White & Jonas Jorlyn, & Stephen Wilder Field drivers. Jonathan Whitney & Eli Stearns, Surveyors of Clapboards & shingles. Aaron Johnson & John Thurston, fence viewers, Jonas Lane and John Maynard Assessors, Daniel Goss & Mannasah Wilder Tythingmen, Jonas Lane Sealer of leather, Luther Sawyer Hog-reeve, Merrick Rice, William Stedman & Eli Stearns Fish wardens. Abijah White & Samuel Wilder surveyors of Staves. & between the said 9th of March and on the 6th of April Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper, & Ebenezer Torrey fish warden & were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective offices, to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing according to Law.—

Before

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Seal

To Capt Benjamin Wyman Constable of the town of Lancaster. ——— Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to warn the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Governour &c. and in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of April next at 2° Clock P.M. for the following purposes. viz.

a Warrant for April (Meeting) 1801.

1st To give in their Votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor Counsellors & Senators, for the year ensuing. — — —

2d To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in Town affairs. — — —

3d To Consider the propriety of Restraining neat Cattle Horses, or other horse kind, mules or Asses going at large within the limits of the Town the present year, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — — —

4th To select & regulate (according to the Law in such case made & provided) the list of such persons as the Select men judge well qualified to serve as Jurors, then & there to be laid before the town, by them for that purpose. — — —

5th To order the Constable to set up an attested Copy of the Warants he may in future receive from the Selectmen, for calling Town Meetings, that the original may be safely kept, or act any thing relative thereto.

6th To adopt Measures for repairing damages sustained by the late floods, or act any thing relating thereto.

7th To allow the late Treasurer Maynard Compensation for services in said Capacity, or act any thing relative thereto.

8th To choose a Committee to direct the several Highway Surveyors, where the Taxes committed to them shall be worked out, or act any thing relative thereto.

9th To rebuild the Bonniken bridge or act any thing relative thereto.

April Warrant Contin.d 1801.

Given under our hands & Seal this twenty third day of March A.D. 1801.

Josiah Flagg
Joseph White
Thomas Ballard
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

These are to notify & warn the freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Lancaster Mar. 23 1801.

Benj.a Wyman Constable

Lancaster April 6th 1801.

Agreeable to the within request, I have notified and warned the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in this Warrant by posting the same at the meeting House in said Town as the Law directs.

Benj.a Wyman Constable

Entered pr Josiah Flagg Clerk

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester, qualified as the Constitution provides to vote for Senators and Representatives, duly warned & assembled on the fifth day of April A.D. 1801. being the first Monday of said month. The votes handed to the Selectmen for Governor, Lieut Governor, Counsellors & Senators are as follows. viz.

Votes for Governor &c. 1801.

For Governor.		For Lieu.t Governor.	
His Excell.y Caleb Strong	92.	Sam.l Phillips Esq	99
Eldbridge Gerry Esq	47	William Heath Esq	34
		Edward H. Robbins	7
		William Phillips	2
		James Bowdoin	1.

Counsellors & Senators.

For Salem Town	102.	Samuel Jones	46
" Elijah Brigham	104.	Jonathan Grout	45.
" Bezaleel Taft	104.	Edward Bangs	44
Thomas Hale	103.	David Henshaw	44.
Josiah Stearns	98	Silas Holman	3
John Whiting	51	Isaiah Thomas	1
		Benj.a Heywood	1.

Voted & chose Samuel Ward Esq Moderator —

On the 3d Article voted that Neat Cattle, Horses, or other Horse kind, mules or Asses be restrained from going at large, within the limits of the Town from the 10th of April instant to the 1st of Novem.r next. — — — — — — —

Voted to accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and they are hereby ordered to select one quarter part thereof for the Supreme J. Court, the remainder for the Courts of Common pleas & General Sessions of the peace.

Jurors Selected April 6 1801.

See Report on file.

5th Article dismissed — —

On the 6th article voted that the Assessors be impowered

way districts as that the several Surveyors may be directed by the Selectmen, to work out one third part of their Highway Taxes the present Year, at such places as shall be necessary to repair the damages occasioned by the last great flood.

Voted to dismiss the 7th Article. — — — — — — —

On the ninth Article voted to raise a Committee to view the Ponniken Bridge and the road east of the River and report at May Meeting.

Eli Stearns
John Thurston
Benj.a Houghton } Committee

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Saml Ward Moder.r

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster held on Monday the sixth day of April A.D. 1801. at 4.o Clock by adjournment from March 2nd being the annual March meeting. The town proceeded as follows viz. — Adjourn.t of March meet.g 1801.

The report of the Committee appointed to examine the prudential accounts for the past Year, being read voted to accept the same. — — — — Proceedings.

The account & Report are as follows

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster, from the first of March 1800. to the 1st of March 1801.

viz. Support of the Poor.

		$	
Widow Mehitable Woods for board		2..50	
Moses Dickinson & Wife & their son James, Board	49..75		
Clothing for D.o	18..73	68..48	
Widow Lucy Priests board	54..85		
Clothing D.o	8..11		
Cash p.d Cap.t Gould for lock.g up her son	3..–		
Removal of D.o to D.o	25..–	90..96	
William D'putron & Wife Board	40..25		
Clothing for D.o	9..84	50..9	
Widow Mercy Manning a ballance on board in 1799 & Contract	32..		
Board Ditto 1800	39..1	71..1	283..14

Car.d over. —

To amo^t Bro^t over		₰ 283..4	
William D'putron Junr wife & 3 Children Board	50..		
d^o d^o Clothing	10..4	60..4	
Betty Brown's board	5..60		
ballance in 1799 for Clothing d^o	3..77		
Clothing D^o in 1800	8..43	17..80	
Widow Martha Wheelock's Board	65..90		
Ditto D^o clothing	61	66..51	
Lucy Dickinson's Board	17..59		
Ditto D^o Clothing	1..97	19..56	
Nathaniel Miller's family Doctoring	14..61	14..61	
James Dickinson ballance of Board in 1799		2..97	
Jane Kendall's Board	52..		
D^o D^o Clothing	4..49	56..49	
Jerusha Osgood's Board	39..		
D^o D^o Clothing	2..67	41..67	
Widow Eunice Poor relief afforded her		8..98	
Capt Nathaniel White d^o d^o		1..33	
Jacob Zwier for repairs on his house		7..	
Lemuel Dickinson's Board	4..89		
D^o D^o Clothing	1..50		
Book for d^o	28	6..67	
Widow Rebecca Fletcher relief afforded		12.	
Orpah Hall a Commonwealth pauper		63..	
Stephen Coreys Children		12..	
Physicians Bill for 1799 & Contract		30..	
Overseeing Poor		45..	
Stationery for Overseers		1..90	
Amo^t of expences of poor for 1800 is			750..57
Taxes expences for assessing		37..1	
Stationary for Assessors		62½	
Entertainment of Town Officers & Committees.			
Selectmen ballance in 1799	13..36		
D^o in 1800	16..36	29..72	
Assessors	30..66		
Committees Ballance 1799	5..78		116..93½
Ditto 1800	13..14	49..58	867..50½

To amt Brot over . . . . . £ 867.59½

Burying fields expence

New burying field	56..	
Old common d°	29..75	85..75
Collectors Commissions for 1799		82..50

Schools.

Latin Grammar School		
Tuition	116..66	
Utensils	1..75	
ballance on Wood for 1799 . .	1..	
Wood in 1800 . .	19..67	
Repairs	1..67	
Boarding preceptor .	60..	200..75
English Grammar School	500..	
Singing School	30..99	

River Bridges, known by the following names viz.

Sprogues Bridge Repairs - - - -	4..50	
Whites d° d° . .	53..99	
Paul Sawyers d° d° - - - -	28..27	86..76

Abatement of Taxes.

Joshua Thomas	72	
Rufus Fletcher	4..32	
Hooker Osgood	3..8	
William Proctor	3..8	
John Mears	1..94	
Samuel Willard	2..7	15..21
Finishing Road near Simon Butlers .		310..90

Repairing Small Bridges.

Walnut Swamp district	4..571	
John Prescotts d°	1..31	
John Thurston d° 1799 . . .	7..17	
Jones Fairbanks d°	2..	15..2

Militia.

1 Gun & accoutrements	8..6	
Cartridge paper	25	8..31
Carr over —		£ 2203..69½

To amo^t Bro^t over & continued . . 2203..69½

Meeting house expences.

Repairs of Ditto	1..33	
taking Care of Ditto . . .	7..	8..33
Revd Nathaniel Thayer's Salary . . .		400.–
Perambulating Leominster line		9

Town Clerks expences.

Births Recording	2..–	
Deaths Ditto	72	
Stationary for D^o . . .	7.	9..72
Costs of Suit in James Carter's Action vs Inhabit^s of Lancaster		26.–
Guide Posts paid for		2
17 Trees set at the Guide posts p^r vote of Town		8..50
Direct tax paid on Town property		1..72
Journey to Conway & Leverett about poor . .		10..84

New Road from meeting house

Stationary for Committee	50	
Cost paid Clk of Court for prolong^g open^g 2^d Road	50	
Surveying on Ditto	6..75	7..75

Town Standard.

Weights & Measures	96..93
An Order Issued to William Stedman Esq in lieu of 3 Orders left with him to be sued said Orders are delivered up	52..56
	$2837..04½

Josiah Flagg
Joseph White
Thomas Ballard
} Selectmen.

Your Committee appointed to examine the prudential accounts of the town for the last year, report that they find them regularly & accurately kept and correctly stated to the town by the Selectmen.

Report of Committee on Accots. 1801.

Timothy Whiting
Ebenr. Torrey
Committee
Eli Stearns

Lancaster April 2nd 1801.

Dr. The town of Lancaster in acct with John Maynard Treasr. Cr.

1800.		£	1800		£
July 7	To sundry Town Orders pr. Selectmen's Receipts	1325.28	March	By ballance on last year's acct.	2028.61
1801.			Nov 29	" Town a pr. for bounty	2350
Feb 16	To sundry orders pr. do.	703.81		" do. Rec. Nath. Thayers Salary	400
"	" Ditto pr. do.	478.92		" Surplus Town & County Taxes	17.73
28	" Ditto pr. do.	679.66		" Do. of Rec. 22. Thayer	3.44
	" ballance carr. to new acct.	1745.54		" Do. of State Tax	4.43
				" Cash of Woburn for Support of Millers	32.55
				" Sundry sums for the use of poor Collected by Tim. Whiting Esq.	5
				" Cash for A. Johnsons rent	36.13
				" Town Orders of Jany. 1st	50.78
				" Forwarded for his note	4.54
		£ 4933.21			£ 4933.21

Lancaster Mar. 2nd 1801.

Errors Excepted John Maynard Treasr.

Dr. The town of Lancaster Cr.

1801.				
Mar 2	To sundry outstanding orders 717.11	Mar 2nd	By ballance in Collectors Mens. hands & Lists	1636.92
	" due the Town of Andover	224	" Town order in Treasury	71.7
	" ballance in favour of the Town	1053.14	" Cash in do	37.55
			" Stock in U.S. funds	104.76
			" Sundry good notes and	69
			" Commonwealth acct. for Support of Depts. Hall	63
			" Town of Harvard do. for Cary Children	12
	£ 1994.30			£ 1994.30

Lancaster Mar. 2nd 1801.

Errors Excepted Josiah Flagg
Joseph White
Thomas Bellows
Selectmen

Highway Rates of Labour &c.

Voted by ballot, and chose Capt. Benjamin Wyman, Constable for the present year. that is to say the ensuing year —

Proceedings of March meeting by adjournment April, 1801.

Voted to raise Eight Hundred Dollars for repairing Highways & to be worked out therein at the following rates viz. a Man's labour a 8 Cents pr Hour.
a pair of Oxen a 5 cents pr Do.
a Horse - - - a 3 cents pr Do.
a Cart . . . a 2 cents pr Do.
a plough . . . a 2 cents pr Do.

Monies.

Voted to raise Three thousand Dollars to defray the Expences of the Town the Current Year.

Voted to appropriate Four hundred Dollars thereof for the Revd. Nathaniel Thayer's Salary, the Current year. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Voted to appropriate Five hundred dollars for the support of English Grammar Schools, and Two hundred Dollars for the support of a Latin Grammar School, the Current Year. - - - - - - -

Bridge Committee

Voted to choose a committee to carry into effect the measures refferred to in the 5th Article, and the following persons were chosen. - viz.
Edward Goodwin for Spragues Bridge so called
Ebenezer Torrey " Neck Bridge
Jonathan Wilder " Atherton's Bridge
Daniel Stearns " Paul Whitings Do.
William Haskell " Whites Do.
Josiah Bowers " Paul Sawyer Do.

Voted on the 6th article that the Assessors take into Consideration the subject matter thereof, & if necessary, certify to the Selectmen, that an Order may be given for the Taxes set against the names of the persons therein mentioned. - - - - - - - - - - -

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the 8th Article, and that the same be recorded by the Town Clerk, & handed to the Treasurer. with him to be deposited — here follows the said Report!

Subscription for New Road

Whereas on the petition of a number of Inhabitants of several towns in this Commonwealth setting forth that an Alteration in the Post Road from the Corner of General Whitings land to the Guide Post near Lancaster Meeting house, would be greatly beneficial to the Public & in fact greatly advantageous to a num

ber of families in the town of Lancaster. The Court of General Sessions of the peace, in June last did appoint a Committee to make such Alteration. The Subscribers convinced of the importance & Usefulness of the said alteration, but to alleviate the burden that may fall on Inhabitants not so immediately benefited do severally promise the Inhabitants of said town of Lancaster to pay towards the expence of making & establishing such Alteration the particular sum we hereafter annex to our several names to this engagement or the value thereof in labour as may be reasonably necessary for making said Alteration.

New Road Committees Report. See below!

Lancaster July 28th 1800.—

John Sprague	100	Dollars
Nathaniel Arnold	20	Do
Thomas Ballard	15	Do
Jacob Fisher	6	Do
Merrick Rice	30	Do
Oliver Carter	15	Do
William Stedman	20	Do
Timothy Whiting	30	Do
Abner Pollard	5	Do
Richard Haven	10	Do
Jant Faulkner	5	Do
Thomas Safford	15	Do
Prentiss & Atherton	10.	Do
Paul Whiting	5	Do
Stephen Wilder	5.	Do
Samuel Wilder 2d	5	Do
Samuel Ward	15.	Do
	311.	Dlls

You Committee appointed to obtain Subscriptions for opening the Road within mentioned — report, that they have obtained the Subscriptions within expressed & are of opinion that the same ought to be recorded by the Town Clerk, in the Town book of Records, and then be by him transmitted to the Treasurer of said Town.

April 6th 1801. —

Timothy Whiting } Comm.
Thomas Ballard }

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

John Whiting Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk —

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Lancaster April 30th 1801. personally appeared Jonathan Whitney, and was sworn to the faithful performance of the duties belonging to the Office of Sealer of Weights & measures to which he was appointed for the ensuing Year, according to Law.

Before Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Lancaster May 4th 1801 personally appeared Samuel Ward, and was sworn to the faithful performance of the Duties belonging to the Office of Assessor to which he was chosen the current year, according to Law

Before Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Warrant for May Meeting

Seal

To Capt Benjamin Wyman Constable of the town of Lancaster ——— Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to vote for a Representative and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of May next at 2 o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1st To choose a person to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be held at Boston, on the last Wednesday of May next.

2d To choose a moderator to govern the Meeting in town affairs.

3d To hear the Report of a Committee chosen for the purpose of enquiring into the expediency of rebuilding the Bonniken Bridge or making a Road on the East side of the River,

4th To choose an agent to oppose the proceedings of a Committee, sent out by the Court of General

Sessions to view a Road from Sterling to Lancaster, or act any thing relative thereto. — — — —

5th To allow the late Treasurer Maynard for a loss he sustained, while acting in said capacity, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — — —

6th To order that in future the Latin Grammar school shall be kept, one half the term in the neighbourhood of New Boston, and the other half in the neighbourhood of Capt Thomas Bennett; or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — — — —

Given under our hands & Seal, this 26th day of April A D 1801.

Josiah Flagg
Thomas Ballard
} Selectmen of Lancaster

These are to notify & warn the freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Benjamin Wyman Constable

Lancaster april 20th 1801

Lancaster May 4th 1801.

Agreeable to the within directions I have notified & warned the freeholders & Inhabitants of said town of Lancaster, to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the said Warrant

Benjamin Wyman Constable

Entered Per Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1801 May meeting proceedings.

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representative & in town affairs duly assembled on Monday the 4th day of May 1801. at 2o Clock P. M.

Voted to send a Representative to the General Court the present year. — — — — — — — — — —

The votes handed in to the Selectmen being counted & sorted are as follows viz, whole number 108. —

Samuel Ward Esq had	67
John Whiting esq.	39
Col. Jonas Lane — — —	1
Mr. Eben.r Torrey — —	1

The Selectmen declare the choice of Sam.l Ward Esq, for their Representative. — — —

Voted & chose Gen. John Whiting moderator. —

Voted on the 3o Article not to accept the Report of Quasipronakin Committee. — — — — —

Voted to choose an Agent to oppose the Road being laid from Sterling to Lancaster. — —

Voted & chose Merrick Rice Esq an Agent to oppose the Road aforesaid. — — — —

Voted to Commit the Subject matter of the 5th Article to the Selectmen, who are to Report at the next meeting. — — — — — — — —

Voted to dismiss the 6th Article. —

Voted to dissolve this meeting. —

John Whiting Modr.

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk

To Mr Josiah Flagg Clerk of the town of Lancaster ——— Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said town of Lancaster, duly qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of said Commonwealth, to assemble at the Meeting House, in said Town on monday the 22d Instant at 2o Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz ———

Warrant for Meeting to choose Rep. to Congress. June 22nd 1801.

1st To give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth, in the Congress of the United States of America, for the fourth Western District, in the room of the Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq. who has resigned his seat as a Representative. ——— ——— ———

2d To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town Affairs. ——— ——— ———

3o To adopt a method to rebuild Tonnican Bridge or act any thing relating thereto. ——— ———

4th To raise money to pay suitable persons who may be chosen by the Town to stand ready at all times to pursue and bring to justice Horse Stealers and Thieves of every description and act any thing relating thereto. ——— ——— ———

Given under our hands & seal this 8th day of June A. D 1801. ——— Joseph White } Selectmen
Thomas Ballard }

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrent.
Lancaster June 8th 1801. Josiah Flagg town Clerk. ———

In obedience to the within precept, I have notified the Inhabitants of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting the same at the Meeting house according to Law. ———
Lancaster June 22nd 1801. ——— Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, duly assembled on Monday the 22d day of June A. D. 1801.

The votes given in to the Selectmen for a Representative, to the Congress of the United States for the South Western District, in the room of the Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq. who has resigned his seat as a Representative, being sorted and counted are as follows. viz.

Votes for Fed. Rep. June 22d 1801.

For Gen. John Whiting 78
" Jabez Upham Esq. 45
" Seth Hastings Esq. 4

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq Moderator.

Voted on the 3d Article, to consider the subject thereof by a Committee, who are to view the place whereon a bridge near Bonnakin mills may be erected, and also to see what sum the Inhabitants in that Vicinity will subscribe, to the purpose of rebuilding, and if they think necessary to rebuild the Bridge, Report a plan with the probable expence, together with all their doings in the matter, at the next Town meeting.

Voted That the Committee on the aforesaid article should consist of Seven. viz.

Chose — John Whiting
Jonathan Wilder
Jonas Fairbank
Jno Carter
Jonathan Whitney
Aja Warren
Benja Wyman
} Committee

Voted That the subject matter of the 4th Article should be committed, and report made at the next meeting

Chose Israel Atherton
Merrick Rice
Robert Toumbend
Timothy Whiting
Saml Ward
} Committee
Saml Ward Mod.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Jonah Flagg T. Clerk

To Capt. Benjamin Wyman Constable
[Seal] of the town of Lancaster. . . Greeting. Warrant for Augt 24 Meet.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Lancaster, duly qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of said commonwealth, to assemble at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the 24th day of August instant, at 3 o Clock in the afternoon, to give in their Votes for a Representative of the People of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the South Western District, in the Room of the Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq who has resigned his Seat as a Representative, and to act on the following articles viz

1 To choose a moderator to govern the Meeting in town affairs.

2nd To hear the Report of a Committee on the late Treasurers Loses.

3d To hear the Report of a Committee to devise a plan to detect House Breakers, and Thieves of every Description.

4th To hear the Report of the Bonniken bridge Committee. Given under our hands & Seal this 3d Day of August A.D. 1801.

Thomas Ballaid
Joseph White
Josiah Flagg
} Selectmen

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.
Lancaster Aug 3d 1801. Benjamin Wyman Constable

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Lancaster Augt 24th 1801. Agreeable to the within request, I have notified and warned the freeholders and Inhabitants of said town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. Benjamin Wyman Constable

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At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth duly assembled on monday the 24th day of August A. D. 1801.

Votes for Federal Representative, Augt 24th.

The votes given in to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the South Western District in the room of the Hon. Levi Lincoln Esq. who has resigned his seat as a Representative, being sorted and counted are as follows for Seth Hastings Esq 95.

John Whiting Esq 86

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq Moderator.

for Repeal or Sale!

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the late Treasurers Accts

for Repeal or Sale!

Voted to accept the report of the committee to devise a plan to detect Horse Stealers & Thieves of every description.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Samuel Ward Modr

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Worcester ss.

To Mr Josiah Flagg Clerk of the town of Lancaster . . . . . Greeting

(Seal)

Warrant for Meeting Novr 9th 1801

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the ninth day of November next at 2° Clock P.M for the following purposes viz. ——

1st To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting

2nd To hear the report of a Committee on the Ponnakin bridge Business. — — — —

3d To adopt a method to rebuild Ponnakin Bridge, or act any thing relative thereto. —

4th To choose a Committee of three suitable Persons, for the purpose of guarding the property of the Inhabitants of the Town against Horse Stealers and Thieves of every description.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty sixth day of October A. D. 1801.

Joseph White
Thomas Ballard } Selectmen of Lancaster.

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Lancaster Octo. 26th 1801.

Lancaster Nov. 9th 1801 In obedience to the within Precept, I have notified the Inhabitants of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the within Warrant by Posting the same at the meeting house according to Law. ——

Josiah Flagg Town Cler

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs, duly assembled at the meeting House, on Monday the 9th day of November A. D. 1801. at 2 o'Clock P.M.

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq Moder.

Nov. 9th 1801. Voted to accept the Report of Ponnakin Bridge Committee. — — — — — — —

Voted to choose a committee of three to superintend the building Ponnakin Bridge

Proceedings of the Meeting. Voted and chose Capt. John Maynard } Com.e

Voted to choose a committee of three suitable Persons to guard the property of the Inhabitants of the town against Horse Stealers and Thieves of every description.

Voted and chose Messieurs Ebenezer Torrey, Merrick Rice, William Stedman } Com.e

Committee Chosen by written votes.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 16th instant at 2 o'Clock P.M. to meet at this place.

Samuel Ward Moder.

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk

The adjournment of the Meeting from Nov.r 9th instant being opened this 16th of Nov. A.D. 1801 at 2° Clock P.M. the town proceeded as follows viz.

Adjournt. of Nov.r 9th Meet.g

Voted to reconsider the doings respecting Ponnakin Bridge business. — — —

Voted to accept the Report of Ponnakin bridge Committee. — — — — —

Report on file.

Voted to choose a Committee of Three to superintend building Ponnakin Bridge. —

Voted and chose Capt. John Maynard, Capt. Jacob Fisher, Mr. Dan.l Laughton } Com.ee

Voted to dissolve this meeting. —

Samuel Ward Moder.r

Attr. Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Lancaster Nov. 11th 1801.

Sir. We the subscribers Assessors of said Town have assessed the Inhabitants thereof in the following sums viz.

Assessors Return

To depay town Charges	$ 2600..
For the minister's salary	400..
with an excess or surplusage in making the Taxes of	44.26
	$ 3044.26

And committed lists thereof with warrants to Collector Wyman to collect and pay the same to Mr. Daniel Stearns Treasurer of said Town. We have also made a State Tax of $ 554.78

And a County Tax of 174.44

$ 729.22

Mr. Josiah Flagg, Clk. of said Town.

Jonas Lane, Sam.l Ward, John Maynard } Assessors.

Attr. Josiah Flagg town Clerk. —

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Lancaster Dec. 9th 1801.—

Sir,

We have made a School district Tax on the Inhabitants of No 11 or Daniel Stearns's District of £333,33 Cents, with an excess or overplus of 13.43. and also a Tax on No 8 or Moses Sawyers District of £60, and also a Tax on No 2 or Nathaniel Whitte mores District of 230, with an excess of 11.29 cents. & Assessors Return have committed the several Lists thereof to Constable of Benjamin Wyman, with warrants in due form School Dist. of Law, to collect and pay the same to Daniel Papers. Stearns Treasurer of said Town, or to his Successor in said Office.

Jonas Lane
Samel Wards
John Maynard
} Assessors

To Josiah Flagg town Clerk

true Copy Attd Josiah Flagg town Clk

Lancaster Jan. 7th 1802. personally appeard Daniel Goss, and was sworn to the faithful performance of the Duties belonging to the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures to which he was appointed in the stead of Jonathan Whitney who resigned.

before Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Capt Benjamin Wyman Constable. Greetg

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
You are hereby required to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of March nett at 2o Clock P.M. to act on the following articles. viz. ——

1. To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.
2. To choose town officers for the year ensuing.
3. To choose a county Treasurer. —
4. To raise money to defray the necessary expences of the Town the ensuing year, and appropriate the same. —
5. To appoint suitable persons to keep the large Bridges in Town in good Repair, the ensuing year or act any thing relative thereto. ——
6. To revise and correct if necessary, the list of Voters as made out by the Assessors of said Lancaster. ——
7. To lay out a private road, leading from the north County Road, West of William Willards dwelling house, to the Bridge lately built by the Shakers, or act any thing relating thereto. —
8. To exempt Benjamin Houghton, Benjamin Houghton Jun, and Ebenezer Haven from working out their highway taxes on the public Roads or act any thing relating thereto.
9. To choose an agent, to oppose the laying out a County Road from the Neck so called, thro land of Ebenezer Torrey to the new Bridge or act any thing relating thereto. ——
10. To choose an agent to defend a suit brought against the town of Lancaster, by the town of Harvard for the support of one Jane Kendall a pauper, the same agent to be empowered to prosecute said Town of Harvard in the said pauper, support while in the Town of Lancaster, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — — —
11. To annex Samuel Jones with his estate to the School District No4. — — — — — — — —
12. To indemnify William Arnold for the loss of his house which happened by Whiting's Bridge being out of Repair. —
13. To adopt Measures for mending the north Road by Henry Haskells or act any thing relative thereto. ——
14. To consider the Propriety of laying out a Town Road from Robert Townsend's to Bottom line, or act any thing relative to relieving the Inhabitants of that Neighborhood, from the great expence of supporting a Bridge which

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which they cannot dispence with.

Given under our hands and seal this fifteenth day of Feb. A. D. 1802.

Josiah Flagg
Joseph White
Thomas Ballard
} Selectmen.

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Lancaster Feb 15th 1802 — Benja Wyman Constable.

Lancaster March 1st 1802. —

Agreeable to the within warrant, I have notified & warned the freeholders and Inhabitants of said Town to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned therein, by posting the same at the Meeting house in said Town, as the law directs.

(C) Benja Wyman Constable.

Proceedings of March 1st Meeting.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster assembled in pursuance of the Warrant and notification in that purpose on Monday the first day of March, A. D. 1802.

Voted and chose Gen. John Whiting, Moderator.

" prudential Accidents were committed to

Timothy Whiting
William Stedman
Samuel Ward
} Committee

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg Clerk

Voted and chose Daniel Stearns Treasurer.

Voted and chose three Selectmen viz

Thomas Ballard
Jacob Fisher
William Wilder

Voted and chose three Assessors, viz.

Jonas Lane
John Maynard
Benjamin Wyman.

Proceedings of March meeting Continued 1802.

Voted and chose
Thomas Ballard
Merrick Rice
Daniel Rugg
William Haskell
John Hawkes
Cyrus Fairbanks
Timothy Whiting
Robert Barker
Ephraim Carter
Eli Stearns
Gardner Pollard
John Hunt
Highway Surveyors.

Voted and chose William Stedman, Ebenezer Torrey, Eli Stearns — Committee for hiring Latin Grammar School Master.

Voted and chose Jonas Whitney, Aaron Johnson, Nath[l] Lowe Jun, James Goodwin — field Drivers.

Voted and chose Rev[d] Nathaniel Thayer, William Stedman, Samuel Ward, John Whiting, Jonas Lane, Timothy Whiting, Israel Atherton, Merrick Rice, John Maynard, Jonathan Wilder, Thomas Ballard, Ebenezer Torrey — School visiting Committee.

Voted and chose Jonathan Whitney, Eli Stearns — Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted and chose John Thurston, Paul Willard — Fence viewers.

Voted and chose Daniel Goss, Daniel Laughton — Tything Men.

March Meeting Proceedings Contin.

Voted and chose Jonas Lane, Sealer of Leather. —

Voted and chose John Hawkes Jun
Daniel Rugg
John Townshend
Jeremiah Fales
} Hog-greeves.

Voted and chose Jacob Sweetser, Pound keeper.

Voted and chose Samuel Ward
Ebenezer Torrey
Paul Willard
John Maynard
} Fish warders.

Voted and chose Samuel Wilder
Abijah White
} Cullers of Staves

4th Article passed over.

Voted That a Committee of one person be chosen to examine of the large Bridges, to inspect them, and make small repairs if necessary, and accordingly were chosen.

John Sprague for Sprague's Bridge
Thomas Safford " Center do.
Jonathan Wilder " Atherton's do.
Samuel Rugg " Whitings do.
John White Jun " Whites do.
Josiah Bowers " Sawyers do.

Voted to accept the list of voters. —

Passed over the 7th Article

Passed over the 8th article

Voted to commit the subject matter of the 9th article, and report at a pric meeting

Samuel Ward
Josiah Flagg
John Thurston
Jonas Fairbank
John Maynard
} Committee.

10th article dismissed.

Voted to annex Samuel Jones with his estate to School District No 4. —

Voted That the Select men be a Committee to ascertain the facts relative to the loss of Mr Arnolds House at Whitings Bridge and report at the adjournt. —

13th Article of the Warrant passed over.

The subject matter of the 14th article committed to William Stedman, Samuel Ward, John Maynard, who are to report at the next April meeting. } Com.ee

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of April next at 4° Clock P.M. at this place.

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John Whiting Mod.r

Attr. Josiah Flagg town Cler

Lancaster March 8th 1802. Personally appeared on the first day of March instant (and between that time and the date hereof) Daniel Stearns Treasurer. Jonas Lane, John Maynard and Benjamin Wyman Assessors, Thomas Ballard Merrick Rice, Daniel Rugg, William Haskell, John Hawkes, Cyrus Fairbanks, Timothy Whiting, Robert Barker, Ephraim Carter, Eli Stearns, Highway Surveyors. Jonas Whitney, Aaron Johnson Field drivers Jonathan Whitney, Eli Stearns, Surveyors of Lumber. John Thurston Paul Willard fence Viewers. Daniel Laughton Tythingman. Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather. John Hawkes Jun Daniel Rugg, Jno Tainthend and Jeremiah Fates Hogreeves, Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper. Ebenezer Torrey, Paul Willard John Maynard, Samuel Ward fish Wardens Samuel Wilder, Abijah White Surveyors of Staves. and between the said 8th of March instant, and on the Gardner Pollard, Surveyor of Highways James Goodwin and Nathaniel Low field drivers. John Hunt Surveyor of Highways. and were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties, of the respective Offices, to which they were severally elected, for the year ensuing according to Law.

Officers Sworn.

Before Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Capt Benjamin Wyman Constable of the town of Lancaster. ——— Greeting:

(Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Lancaster, qualified to vote for a Governor & c and in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth day of April next at 2° Clock P.M. for the following purposes. viz.

Warrant for April meeting 1802.

1.st To give in their votes for Governor, Lieu.t Governor, Counsellors and Senators for the Year ensuing). ——— ——— ———

2.d To chuse a moderator to Govern the meeting in Town affairs. ——— ——— ———

3.d To consider the propriety of restraining neat Cattle, Horses, mules and Asses going at large on the Highways in said Lancaster the current year

4.th To chuse a committee of three suitable persons to guard the property of the Inhabitants of the Town against House Stealers & Thieves of every description, and that Committee be authorized to carry into effect, the spirit and meaning of a Report, made by a committee for said purpose, or act any thing relating thereto. ———

5.th To authorize their Surveyors, or any other Person, a Person to enter into Contracts, in making and repairing the publick Highway from Leominster town Line, to the meeting house in Lancaster, or act any thing relating thereto. ———

6.th To empower their Surveyors of Highways to collect Taxes, in making and repairing the ways, which shall not be paide in labour or otherwise within such Periods, as may be agreed upon by the Town, or act any thing relating thereto ——— ——— ———

yth To direct a suitable Carriage to be provided for the use and convenience of the Sexton in attending funerals. — — — — — — — — —

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty second day of March A.D. 1802. —

Thomas Ballard
Jacob Fisher
William Wilder
Selectmen of Lancaster.

Warrant for April Meeting 1802.

These are to notify, and warn the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. — — — —

Lancaster March 22d 1802. Benja Wyman Constable

Worcester ss. Lancaster April 5th 1802. Agreable to the within request, I have notified, and warned the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the within Warrant by posting the same at the meeting house, as the Law directs —

Benjamin Wyman Constable

Entered by Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Return.

April Meeting Proceedings

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester qualified as the Constitution provides to vote for Senators and Representatives duly warned & assembled on the 5th day of April A.D. 1802. being the first Monday of said month the Votes handed to the Selectmen for Governour Lieut Governour, Senators & Counsellors are as follows viz.

Votes for Govr &c

For Governor		For Lieut Governor	
His Excell'y Caleb Strong	128.	Edward H. Robbins Esq	124.
Elbridge Gerry Esq	62.	William Heath Esq	55.

Proceedings of April Meet.

Votes for Senators.

For Senators and Counsellors.

Bezaleel Taft	115	Gen. John Whiting	73
Salem Town	114	Moses White	66
Thomas Hale	113	Edward Bangs	66
Elijah Brigham	112	Pliny Merrick	65
Daniel Bigelow	107	Samuel Jones	64
		David Henshaw	1
		Jabez Upham	1
		Jonathan Grout	1

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq moderator.

Voted that neat cattle, horses & horse kind, Mules or Asses, be restrained from going at large within the limits of the Town to the 1st November next.

On the 4th Article voted to choose a committee of Three to guard the Property of the Inhabitants of this Town agt Horse Stealers &c.

Ebenezer Torrey
William Stedman
Merrick Rice
} Committee

On the 5th Article voted to committ this Article to a Committee of Three who are to report at the adjournment.

Jno Whiting
Jno Maynard
Eli Stearns
} Committee

Voted that the Surveyors of highways be, and they are hereby empowered to collect the money of all those persons, in their several districts who neglect or refuse to work out their highway Taxes, or any part of them by the first of October in every year, and that they do it immediately after the said first day of October Annually; and that they expend such money in repairing the highways in their several districts.

Voted to commit the subject matter of the 7th article to a Committee of three. (who are to report at the adjourn:

Jonas Lane
Joseph Wales } Committee
Jacob Fisher

Proceeding Contin^d

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in May next at 4° Clock P.M. —

Saml Ward Mod^r.

Att^r Josiah Flagg town Clk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster held on Monday, the fifth day of April A.D. 1802, at 4° Clock by adjournment from March 1st being the annual march meeting. The Town proceeded as follows viz

March meeting adjourn^d

Voted and chose Capt Thomas Bennett Constable.

Voted to pass over the 3^d Article.

Voted to raise Four Thousand Dollars to defray the expences of the Town the current Year. —

Monies.

Voted to appropriate Four hundred Dollars thereof for the Revd Nathaniel Thayer's Salary, the current Year. —

Voted to appropriate Five hundred Dollars for the support of English Grammar Schools, and Two hundred Dollars, for the support of a Latin Grammar School the current Year. —

Voted to raise eight hundred Dollars to be worked out on the Highways in Town, and that the work on the highways should be at the same rates it was the last Year.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on Prudential accounts. —

See files.

Voted to accept the Selectmen's report on the Road near William Willards. — — —

See files.

Voted to pass over the 9th article in the warrant.

1802 Adjournt. of March Meeting. Voted to accept the Report of Selectmen on Mr Wm Arnolds petition. see the files. —

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to make the road by Henry Haskell's. ——

Voted to pass over the 14th article. —

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday of May next. at half past 4 o Clock.

John Whiting Modr

Attr Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Prudentials. 1801.

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from the first of March 1801. to the first of March 1802. ——

For the Support of the Poor.

Viz. Lucy Priest for a ballance due for support clothing and transporting to vermont			5..10
Jacob Phelps, for his support in prison			8..75
Moses Dickinson and wife & their son James			
" their support, a ballance due 1800		5..0	
" Support in 1801.		34..31	
" Clothing for Do		3..83	43..14
Mercy Manning	her Board	33..55	
"	Clothing	7..23	
	Removal from Westmr	3..	43..78
Betty Brown,	her Board	10..48	
"	Clothing	8..24	18..72
Martha Wheelock's Board			106..
Lucy Dickinson	her Board	9..49	12..49
"	Clothing	3..	$237..98

Paupers Support Brought over 237..98

Jane Kendall,
" her Board 24
" Removal to Harvard . . . 2
" Clothing . . . . 2 28..0

Nathaniel White,
Relief afforded him . . . 17..42

William D'Putron Jun family
" Support . . . . . 3..75
" Clothing . . . 1.67 5..42

Lemuel Dickinson
Relief afforded . . . . 1..11

Stephen Corey's 2 Children
" Support . . . 52..65
" Clothing . . . 8..50 61..15

Jerusha Osgood
her board . . . . 29..80
Clothing . . . . 1..16 30..96

William Larkin for relief afforded him . . 6..94

Dinah Holt, her Board . . . . . 30..37

William Tooker & Wife.
Their support . . . . . 43..75
Cost in Contesting Settlement . 11..97

William D'Putron & Wife
their Board . . . . 41..0
Clothing . . . 10..8 51..8

Oliver J. Priest's family
Support . . . . . 4..39
Clothing . . . 2..83 7..22

Physicians Bill . . . 28..0

Overseers, for their services . . 45..0
Stationary . . 93 45..93

Total amo^t. $607..30

Prudentials Continued. 1801.

Taxes

Assessing and taking valuation . . 136..31

Entertainment of Town Officers

Select men and Committees . . 33..15
Assessors . . . . . 45..81 78..96

Cav^d over $822..57

Prudential Contin.d 1801

3

Adjournment March Meeting 1802

	Amot Brought over		822..57
	River Bridges		
Viz	Spragues	49..95	
	Whitings	37..88	
	Ponniken	20..82	
	Whites	41..24	
	Neck	11..42	
	Sawyer	20..31	
	Atherton	23..	204..62
	Ammunition		64..50
	Abatement of Taxes.		
Viz	Joseph Abbot	1..7	
	Jonadab Moor	2..22	
	Samuel Atherton	1..96	
	Timothy H. Curtiss	2..22	
	Oliver Geary & others	8..59	16..6
	Eli Stearns over rated		3..25
	Repairs on small Bridges		9..8
	Major Rice paid him for services on Contemplated Turnpike		19..-
	Meeting House		
	Repairs on	1..20	
	Sweeping & taking care of	8	9..20
	Town Clerks expences.		
	Recording 24 Births	1..92	
	Ditto 15 Deaths	1..20	3..12
	Desk and Book case for Ditto		7..79
	Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer's Salary		400.-
	Schools.		
	Latin Grammar		145..27
	English Grammar		500.-
	Singing School in 1800		63..53
	Card over	$ 22	67..99

Amount Brought over	2267.99	
Rent paid for the use of Widow Woods thirds	7.	
Postage of a letter from Andover	10	
Taxes on Jacob Zwiers farm	4.57	
Auctioneers fees	2.5	
Damages paid on North Road	50.-	Prudentials Contin^d 1801.
New Center Road & Bridge	2051.38	
	$4383.09	

Dr. The town of Lancaster in acco^t with Daniel Stearns, Treasurer Cr.

1801 June 1	To sundry orders p^r Receipt	772.3	March 1	By ball^a on late Treasurers acco:	1745.54
	" ditto for Mess Lane & Wymans note	47.0		" Messrs Lane & Wymans note	47.
	" Ordered by the Town to Credit the late Treasurer Maynard acc^t	65.81		" Cash rec^d for U.S. Stock sold	89.60
1802 Jan 7th	" Sundry orders p^r Rec^t	1824.91	Nov. 11	" Town [illegible] p^r assessors certif^t	2600.-
Feb. 23	" Ditto d^o p^r D^o	1010.59		" Ditto for Revd Nath Thayer	400-
	" Ballance carried to new acco:	1524.59		" Excess in making Taxes	44.26
				" Amo^t of sundry Subscriptions for new Road & Bridge	311.0
				" Cash rec^d for old weights &c	1.53
				" Cash rec^d of Timothy Whiting Esq for sundry fines, for breach of Sabbath	6.-
		$5244.93			$5244.93

Lancaster March 1st 1802. Errors Excepted
Daniel Stearns Treas^r

Dr. The — Town of Lancaster — Cr.

1802 Mar 1	To sundry outstanding orders	1431.41	1802 Mar 1	By Taxes uncollected	1419.60
	" Town of Andover	237.44		" Commonwealth for Orpah Hall	63.
	" ballance in fav^r of the Town	.70		" sundry notes which may be collected	81.96
				" Ballance in Treasury	104.99
		$1669.55			$1669.55

Errors Excepted Josiah Flagg, Joseph White, Thomas Ballard } Selectmen.

The committee appointed to examine the prudential accounts of the Town of Lancaster for the year past report, that they have attended that service, and find those accounts regularly kept, well vouched, and rightly cast. That the Selectmen the year past have evidenced their fidelity in the Interest of the Town and are entitled to Thanks.

April 3^d 1802.

Timothy Whiting, William Stedman, Saml Hard } Committee

Constable Swarn.

Lancaster April 7th 1802. Thomas Bennett Jun. personally appeared, and took the Oath prescribed by Law to qualify him to serve as a Constable, and as a Collector for the Town of Lancaster, the ensuing Year.

Before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Seal

Worcester ss. To Capt Thomas Bennet Constable of the town of Lancaster. —— Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for a Representative, and in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the third day of May nett at 2 o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz. —— ——

Warrant for May meet 1802.

1st To choose a Representative, to represent them at the General Court, appointed to be held at Boston the last Wednesday in May nett. — — —

2d To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs.

3d To choose an agent or agents to oppose the acceptance of a Road proposed to be laid out from Sterling to Lancaster, or act any thing relating thereto. —

4th To abate suspend, or give an order for the Taxes of the following persons viz Samuel Eveleth Obediah Fry, Josiah Southwick, the heirs of John Cleverly, Joseph Cutting, William Flood Reuben Witherbee and Richard Sargeant Jun or the Tax bills of Collector Wyman, or act any thing relating thereto. —— —— —— ——

Given under our hands and Seal this nineteenth day of April A.D. 1802.

Thomas Ballard
Jacob Fisher
William Wilder
} Select men of Lancaster

1802
May 3d

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant

Lancaster April 19th 1802.

Thos Bennett Jun Constable

In obedience to the within precept I have notified the Inhabitants of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned therein by posting the same at the meeting house according to Law.

Lancaster May 3d 1802. Thos Bennett Jr Constable

Attt Josiah Flagg town Clerk

May meet & Proceed &c

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives, and in town affairs duly assembled on Monday the third day of May A. D. 1802. at 2 O'clock P. M. ——

Voted to send a Representative to the General Court the present year. — — — — —

Represent ative Chosen.

The votes handed in to the Selectmen being sorted and counted are as follows viz the whole numbr being 145.

William Stedman Esq had		99
General Jno Whiting	"	32
Majr Merrick Rice	"	12
Capt John Thurston	"	1
Moses Jones		1

The Selectmen declare the choice of William Stedman Esq for their Representative. —

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Lane Moderator

Voted to choose two Agents to oppose the laying out a Road from Sterling to Lancaster.

Voted and chose William Stedman Esq & Agents.
Majr Merrick Rice

66 1802 May Meeting proceedings

Voted to pass over the 4th article of the warrant.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Jonas Lane Moderator.

Attt Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

March Meeting adjournment

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants, of the Town of Lancaster held on Monday the 3d day of May A.D. 1802 at half past 4 o'Clock P.M. by a further adjournment of march meeting last from the first monday in april last. The town proceeded as follows. viz

Voted for a County Treasurer.

Mr Samuel Allen had 98.

Voted to dismiss the 8th article.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on the 9th article in the warrant. — See report on file.

Voted to dismiss the 11th article.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

John Whiting moderator

Attt Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

April Meeting adjourn.t

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster held on Monday the 3d Day of May A.D 1802 at half past 4 o'Clock P.M by adjournment of April meeting last the town proceeded as follows viz.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the 5th article. reference had to the files.

Voted and chose Capt Jacob Fisher to act in concert with the Surveyor of Highways of the Walnut Swamp District to expend the money on the roads in said District agreeable to the Committees Report aforesd.

See files!

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the 7th article with an exception as noted on said Report, and also voted that the Selectmen be authorized to carry into effect said Report with the exception aforesd.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attt Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Saml Ward modr.

Lancaster May 27th 1802. personally appeared Daniel Goss. and was sworn to the faithful performance of the duties belonging to the Office of Sealer of weights and measures, to which he was appointed.

before Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Sealer of Weights &c Sworn.

(Seal) Worcester ss. To Capt Thomas Bennet Constable of the town of Lancaster . . . . . Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Representative to the General Court of said Commonwealth, to assemble at the meeting House in said Lancaster, on monday the first day of Novr next at 2o Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

Warrant to Choose a Represent to Congress.

1st To give in their votes for a Representative of the people of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States of America, for the Worcester North District.

2d To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

3. To reconsider a vote passed last meeting relative to the Construction of a Hearse for the use and Convenience of the Sexton in attending funerals, and act any further relating to the same.

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of Octo. 1802.

Thomas Ballard
Jacob Fisher
William Wilder
} Selectmen of Lancaster

These are to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant. Thomas Bennet Constable Lancaster Octo 18th 1802.

Worcester ss. Lancaster Nov 1. 1802. agreeable to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned therein by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs

attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk. Thomas Bennett Constable

At a meeting of the freeholders of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth assembled on Monday the 1st day of November 1802. at 2 o'Clock P.M.

The votes handed in to the Selectmen for a Representative to the Congress of the United States for the Worcester north District viz.

Votes for a Representative to Congress 1802.

For William Stedman Esq.	99
Gen. John Whiting	45
Benjamin Kimball Esq.	1

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq moderator

Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting respecting the Construction of an Hearse. —

Voted to direct the Selectmen to provide two pairs of Wheels for the Hearse for the convenience of the Inhabitants. — — — — —

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Samuel Ward moder

Worcester ss. To Capt Thomas Bennett Jun.
Constable, Greeting

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to warn the freeholders, and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town, on Monday the seventh day of March next, at one O'clock afternoon, to act on the following Articles viz. —

1803. Warrant for March Meeting.

1. To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.
2d To choose town Officers for the year ensuing.
3d To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.
4th To raise Money to defray the necessary expences of the Town, for the year ensuing and appropriate the same. —
5th To direct their Committee raised for the purpose of repairing the road through Walnut swamp to expend the remainder of the money appropriated for said repairs, the present year, or act any thing relating thereto. —
6th To adopt some method for building and repairing Bridges in future, or act any thing relative thereto. —
7th To raise a Committee to make an alteration in the burying Ground at the north part of the Town, or act any thing relative thereto. —
8th, To abate, or give an Order for the Taxes of the following persons on Collector Wymans tax bill viz. Obadiah Frye, Josiah Southwick, the late Aaron Lyn, Richard Sargeant jun, Joseph Cutting Ruben Witherbee and Ephraim Crouch, or act any thing relating thereto. Given under our hands and seal this twenty first day of February A.D. 1803.

Abatement of Taxes.

Thomas Ballard
Jacob Fisher
William Wilder
Selectmen of Lancaster

These are to notify and warn the free holders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant. Feb 21 1803. — Thomas Bennett Jr. Constable

1803. Return on March Meeting Warrant

Worcester ss. Agreeable to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and Inhabitants of the said Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting the same at the meeting House & the Law directs. Thomas Bennett jun Constable Lancaster March 7th 1803.
attr Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Proceedings of March Meeting

At a meeting of the freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster Assembled in pursuance of the Warrant and Notification for that purpose on Monday the seventh day of March A. D. 1803.——

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq. Moderator.

Prudential accounts, being read voted to commit them to Eli Stearns, John Whiting, John Prentiss } Comtee

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg town Clerk who was duly sworn.

Voted and chose Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Voted to have three Selectmen for the year ensuing, accordingly were chosen Jacob Fisher, William Wilder, John Prentiss } Selectmen

Voted to have three Assessors and were chosen Benjamin Wyman, John Thurston, John Whiting } Assessors

Voted and chose

Thomas Ballard	Merrick Rice	Charles E. Knight	Surveyors of Highways
Abijah White	William Gould	James Elder jun	
Timothy Whiting	Peter Thurston jun	Calvin Wilder	
Eli Stearns	John Goss	John Prescott	

1803. Proceedings of March Meeting Continued.

Voted and chose. Samuel Ward, Ebenezer Torrey, John Prentiss — Com^ee for hiring Latin Grammar School Master

Voted and chose Stephen Wilder, Joshua Taylor, Aaron Johnson jun, Solomon Carter — Field drivers

Voted and chose a Committee to visit the Schools viz. Revd Nathaniel Thayer, Samuel Ward, Josiah Flagg, Thomas Ballard, Ebenezer Torrey, Jonathan Wilder, John Whiting, Israel Atherton, Jonas Lane, John Maynard, John Thurston, William Gould. — Com^ee

Voted and chose

Eli Stearns, Daniel Goss — Surveyors of Lumber — Jonas Lane, sealer of Leather.

Abel Rugg, Joseph Rogers, Abner Pollard, William Blanchard — Hogreeves — Jonas Lane, John Thurston — Fence viewers

Asa Warner, Daniel Laughton — Tything men — Jacob Sweetser, Pound keeper

Merrick Rice, Eben^r Torrey, Paul Willard, John Maynard — Fish wardens — Samuel Wilder, John Dollison, Abijah White — Cutters of Staves.

1803. March Meeting Proceedings Contin.d

Voted and chose an inspector to each of the town River Bridges viz.

For Spragues Bridge, Samuel Jn.o Sprague
" Center D.o - Thos Safford
" Athertons D.o - Jon.a Wilder
" Whitings " Samuel Rugg
" Whites " Willm. Haskell
" Ponniken " Jn.o Maynard

3.d & 4.th Articles in the warrant passed over

Voted on the 5.th article to direct the Committee to expend the remaining part of Three hundred Dollars on the Walnut Swamp Road the ensuing Year which was appropriated therefor.

Voted that the subject matter of the sixth article be referred to a Committee of seven and were chosen.

Samuel Ward
Eli Stearns
Ebenr Torrey
Merrick Rice
John Prentiss
Jacob Fisher
John Maynard
} Committee

Voted on the seventh article that the select men shall direct thereon.

Voted on the 8.th article, that for

Obadiah Fryes Tax Collector Wyman shall have an order, but that the taxes should not be discharged.

Josiah Southwick to be abated
Late Aaron Lyon " to be abated
Richard Sargeant as Obad Frye, Joseph Cutting as Fryes, Ruben Witherbee abated, Ephraim Crouch as Frye's.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April at 4 Clock P.M.

Attr Josiah Flagg town Clerk. Saml Ward Mod.r

Lancaster March 14th 1803. Personally appeared on the seventh instant, and between that date and the date hereof, Eli Stearns Treasurer Thomas Ballard, Abijah White, Timothy Whiting, Eli Stearns, Merrick Rice, William Gould, Peter Thurston jun, John Goss, Charles S Knight, James Elder jun, Calvin Wilder & John Prescott Surveyors of Highways. Stephen Wilder Joshua Taylor, Aaron Johnson jun & Solomon Carter Field Drivers, Eli Stearns, Daniel Goss, Surveyors of Clapboards and Shingles. Jonas Lane, & John Thurston Fence viewers. Benjamin Wyman, John Thurston and John Whiting. Assessors. Asa Warner, Daniel Laughton. Tything men. Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather Abel Rugg, Joseph Rogers, Abner Pollard & William Blanchard, Hog reeves. Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper Merrick Rice, Ebenezer Torrey, Paul Willard & Jn° Maynard. Fish wardens. Samuel Wilder John Dodson, Abijah White, Surveyors of Staves.

Town Officers Sworn. 1803.

And were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the Duties of the respective Offices to which they were severally elected, for the year ensuing according to Law. Before Josiah Flagg town Clerk

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Lancaster April 9th 1803. Joseph Farwell personally appeared, and took the Oaths, prescribed by Law, to qualify him to serve as a constable & collector for the town of Lancaster, the ensuing year.

before Josiah Flagg town Clk

Seal

To Capt Thomas Bennett jun Constable Greetg.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to warn the freeholders, and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Governor &c and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of April next at 2° Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

Warrant for April meetg 1803.

1. To give in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor, Counsellors and Senators for the year ensuing. — — — — — — — —

2nd. To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs. — — — — — — — — — — —

3d. To consider the propriety of restraining neat Cattle, horses or other horse kind, Mules and Asses going at large within the limits of the town the present year, or act any thing relating thereto.

4th. To hear the petition of sundry inhabitants living on the south and west sides of the neck (so called) praying to be divided and set off with their Estates from the neck School District and be made a School District entire, and act any thing thereon.

5th. To direct the sale of a certain tract of land occupied by Jacob Zwier. — — — —

6th. To make an alteration in the Road near Jno. Willard's or act any thing relating thereto. —

7th. To connect New Boston & George hill Districts for making and repairing Roads so as that both shall form One District, or act any thing thereon. —

8th. To raise Money for the support of a Singing School or act or transact any thing relative to singing. —

Given under our hands and seal this twenty first day of March AD 1803. —

Jacob Fisher
William Wilder
Jno Prentiss
} Select men of Lancaster

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governor &c and in town affairs to meet at the time and place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —

March 21 1803. Thos Bennett jun Constable.

Notification for April Meeting

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified & warned the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor &c and in town affairs, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting the same at the meeting House as the Law directs. — Lancaster April 4th 1803.

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk. Thos Bennett jun. Constable

Return.

At a meeting of the freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified as the Constitution provides to vote for Senators and Representatives duly warned and Assembled on the 4th day of April A.D. 1803. being the first Monday of said month: The votes handed into the Selectmen for Governor Lieut Governor, Senators and Counsellors are as follows viz.

Proceedings of April Meeting

Votes for Governor &c.

Governor		Lieut Governor	
For His Excellency Caleb Strong	112	For Edward H. Robbins Esq	118
Eldbridge Gerry Esq	63	Hon. James Bowdoin	61
James Bowdoin Esq	2		

For Senators and Counsellors. —

Daniel Bigelow	114	John Whiting - -	72
Elijah Bigham	110	Pliny Merrick -	70
Thomas Hale	111	Edward Bangs -	69
Salem Towne	110	Samuel Jones - -	68
		Bezaleel Taft	1

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq moderator

Voted to Restrain neat cattle horses, & other horses

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horse kind mules and Asses going at large within the limits of the town from this day till the first day of November next.

Voted to commit the subject matter of the 4th article in the warrant to a Committee of Five, and were chosen accordingly. John Thurston, Jonathan Wilder, Israel Atherton, Jonas Fairbank, John Maynard — Com.ee to report at may meeting. —

Voted on the 5th article to commit the subject thereof to the Select men who are to report at the next meeting. —

Voted to commit the subject matter of the sixth Article to the Assessors to report at the next meeting

On the 7th article voted to commit the same to the Assessors to report at the next meeting. —

Voted to raise sixty dollars, for the purpose of supporting a singing school, and a Committee ~~raised~~ for the purpose of expending the same, and were chosen

John Whiting, Solomon Carter, Samuel Rugg — Comm.ee

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attr Josiah Flagg Clerk Samuel Ward Modr.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster held on Monday the 4th day of April AD 1803. at 4° Clock by adjournment from March 7th being the annual March meeting: The town proceeded as follows. viz —

Votes handed in for county Treasurer for Samuel Allen Esq. 82

Voted and chose Joseph Farwell Constable —

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Prudential accounts. - - - - - - - -

Proceedg. of Adjournment of March Meeting 1803.

Account of the expenditures of the town of Lancaster from the first day of March 1802. to the seventh of March 1803. — — —

For support of the poor.

169 Moses Dickinson wife & son James	147.66	Bro. up	$ 2044.21
Mercy Manning	46.18	Spragues Bridge	16.57
Martha Wheelock	27.65	P. Whitings Bridge	37.55
Betty Brown	14.60	Pourniken Bridge	936.11
Nath. Miller Journey to Woburn	2 -	New Road & Center Bridge	3.50
Nath. White	30.49	New North Road Damages	97.0
Jacob Zwier Relief	2.50	Making said Road	159.22
Willm. D'Sutton & Wife	45.53	Walnut swamp road	107.59
Rebecca Fletcher	32.73	Road from Williams's to Lincolns defending	40.95
Late Stephen Corey's family	24.77	Sterling new road cost	33.4
Jerusha Osgood	48.2	Contemplated Turnpike	35
William Larkin	3.96	Suits for & agt the town	23.26
Dinah Holt	36.30	Detecting Thieves	32.4
William Tooker	97.41	Removg Nuisances	1.-
Johnson Priest family	65.80	Small Bridges	5.82
Lucy Dickinson	22.30	Ropes for use of Sexton	.58
Peter Manning	16.36	Warning town Officers	3.-
Jane Kendall	29.22	Supporting Bassett	3.54
Jno. Mason States poor	37.17	Removing guide post near Esq. Whiting	33
Physicians Bill for do.	28.0	Recording Deaths & Births	3.76
Overseers for their services	45.0	Clearing Bury'g Ground	2.60
Stationary for overseers	1.78	Abatement of Taxes following persons viz	
	805.43	Jno. Haskell poll tax	2.21
in yr. 1801 expended of the above	150	Phillips Land	4.50
	655.43	Mercy Spragues Tax minister	2.6
Collecting Taxes 1800	85.8	Jesse Cook	2.53
Revd. Nathl. Thayer Salary	400..	Paul Willard overtaxed	50
English Grammar School	500	Leonard Farrell minister	1.30
Latin Grammar School	132.19	Wm. Flood	2.21
Assessing Taxes	68.25	Danl. Stearns Highway mistake in surveyor	6.99
Entertaint. town officers & Cons.	53.26		
Card. up	$1238.78	Card. over	$3608.97

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Adjournment of March Meet.g Proceedings Continued

To amo. brot forward & continued	$ 3608.97
" John Wilder highway Tax	2.14
" Edward Goodwin Highway	1.5
" Joel Osgood for his son Aaron	3.67
Total	$ 3615.83

Thomas Ballard
Jacob Fisher
William Wilder
} Selectmen

Your Committee to whom the prudential accounts of the Town was referred, have this day attended that service, and report that they are fairly stated, and well vouched. —

Lancaster March 21st 1803

Eli Stearns
John Whiting
John Prentiss
} Com.ee

1803 Dr. The town of Lancaster. Cr.

March 7th	To sund.y outstand.g orders amo. 1315.54	March 7th	By taxes uncollected 2034.37
	" Town of Andover . . 230 -		" Commonwealth for Jno Mason support 37.17
	Town of Harvard for support of Jane Kendall 96 -		Sundry notes collectable 82.71
	Ballance in favor of Town 514.69		ballance in Treas.rs hands 1.98
	$ 2156.23		$ 2156.23

Errors Excepted

Thomas Ballard
Jacob Fisher
William Wilder
} Selectmen

Dr. The town of Lancaster in acco^t with Daniel Stearns Treasurer. Cr.

1802 April 19th	Town orders as pr Selectmens receipts	473..11	1802 March 1.	By ballance on old acco^t.	$1524..59
May 31	Ditto do pr Do Do	706..36	June 9	" Cash in part of Joseph White's Notes	66..99
Dec. 9	Ditto " " pr " "	993..27		" Town Tax as pr Assessors Certificate	3600..
1803 Feb. 7	Ditto " " pr " "	921..20		" Minister's Salary	400..
March 1	Ditto " " pr " "	515..69		" Additional tax for arrears Highways	53..8
" 2	Ditto " " pr " "	137..58		" Surplus in making town & County Tax	7..90
	Ballance car^d to new acco^t	2036..35		" Ditto " " Minister "	30
			Dec 9	" Subscription Ponnikin Bridge	61..
			1803 Feb 7	" Cash rec^d of State Treasurer for support of O Hall	47..25
				" Surplus in mak^g State Tax	1..73
				" Ditto " " Extra County Do	2..66
				" Mistake in casting arrears highway tax	3..86
				" Added to town & County Tax	13..10
				" Cash rec^d of Benjn Butler's Tax	97
		$5783..49			$5783..49

Lancaster March 7th 1803. Errors Excepted.

Daniel Stearns. Treasurer

April 1803.

Prudential Contin^d

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Monies.

April 1802.

March meeting by adjournment Proceedings Continued.

Voted to raise Three thousand nine hundred and forty dollars, to defray the expences of the Town the Current year.

Voted to appropriate Four hundred dollars thereof for the Revd. Nathaniel Thayer's Salary, the current year.

Voted to appropriate Two hundred Dollars for support of the Latin Grammar School and Five hundred Dollars for the support of the english grammar Schools the current Year.

Voted to raise eight hundred dollars, to be worked out on the highways in Town, at the same rates it was the last year.

Voted and chose Capt. John Thurston Surveyor of highways in the room of James Elder jun removed out of said district.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attr. Josiah Flagg town Clerk Samuel Ward mod.

Seal

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell, Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting.

May meeting Warrant.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Representative and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on monday the second day of May next at 2 Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz

1st to choose a Representative to represent them at the general Court, appointed to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday in May next.

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Warrant for May meeting Continued

2d To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

3d To adopt measures for painting the meeting house, or act any thing relating there to.

4th To hear the report of their Committee raised last Meeting upon the subject of Bridges, and act any thing thereon.

5th To hear the report of a Committee raised for the purpose of considering the propriety of dividing the Neck School District, and act any thing thereon

6th To hear the report of a Committee for annexing New Boston road District to George hill road district & act any thing thereon.

7th To hear the report of a Committee raised for the Purpose of considering the Propriety of making an alteration in the Road near John Willards and act any thing thereon.

8th To cause one or more Sluice ways to be made on the center road from the meeting house to the old Common, or act any thing relating to said Road

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of April 1803. Jacob Fisher, William Wilder } Selectmen of Lancaster.

These are to notify and warn the freeholders & other inhabitant of the town of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.
Lancaster April 18th 1803. Joseph Farwell Constable.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs.
Lancaster May 2d 1803. Joseph Farwell Constable

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May meeting Proceedings

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs duly assembled on Monday the 2nd day of May A.D. 1803. at 2 o'Clock P.M. proceeded to act on the following articles as set forth in the Warrant. viz

Voted to send a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth.

The votes being handed in to the Selectmen were counted & stated the whole number was 134.

Representative Chosen.

whereof Jonathan Wilder had 96.
John Whiting " 36.
Jonas Lane " 1.
Merrick Rice " 1.

The Selectmen declare the choice of Mr. Jonathan Wilder for their Representative.

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq Moderator.

Voted and chose a Committee of three persons to consider the subject matter of the 3d article and report at this meeting. Eli Stearns, Jno Maynard, Jno Thurston } Committee.

Voted on the 4th article to accept the report of the committee which report is as follows. viz

Report on Bridge building.

Your Committee appointed at March meeting, to devise a mode of building bridges, which shall be less expensive than they have hereto fore been, have attended that service and report; That in our opinion it will be expedient for the town to be in preparation to building a Stone Bridge whenever any of our present wooden Bridges, shall need to be rebuilt; That one experiment of this kind will enable the town to judge whether it will be for their interest to pursue the same plan of building with such durable materials. That the expence of building a good

Stone

Your Committee rec'd to consider of the subject matter of the 4 Article have attended that service, and are of Oppinnion that it would not be expedent to adopt the same, untill some more general plan of schotting shall take place through the Town,

Lancaster May 2 1803

John Thurston
Jon^a Wilder
Jonas Fairbank
John Maynard,

Report of
Comm^e for dividing
Neck School
District
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Stone bridge, with stone railing will not in our opinion exceed two thousand dollars. —— —— 1803. May Meeting.

April 6th 1803.

Samuel Ward
Ebenr Torrey
Jno Maynard
Eli Stearns
John Prentiss
Jacob Fisher
Merrick Rice
} Comee

Voted and chose a committee of five persons for the purpose of examining the several River Bridges in town and to ascertain on which first to try the experiment of a Stone bridge. accordingly were chosen:

Merrick Rice
Eli Stearns
John Whiting
Jacob Fisher
John Maynard
} Comee

Voted on the 5th article: That the report of the Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the propriety of dividing the neck School district be rejected. —— —— —— ——

Voted that the Neck School district ~~shall~~ be divided agreable to the prayer of the petitioners to the town for such purpose. —— —— ——

Voted to accept the report of the Committee raised for the purpose of connecting the New Boston and George hill Highway districts which report is here stated. ——

Comr. Report on Connecting New Boston & George hill Highway Districts.

The assessors to whom was referred the consideration of the 7th article in the warrant of April meeting of the 4th have attended that service and report that from & after the present year the Districts of New Boston & George hill, for making and repairing Highways be connected and form one District; That during the present year the surveyor of New Boston District be directed to work out one fourth

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part of the highway taxes of his list on the road leading from Jacob Lincoln's by Elisha Fuggs to Sterling line.

John Whiting
Benjamin Wyman
Jno Thurston
} Committee

Lancaster May 2d 1803.

On the 7th article, The committee raised are not yet ready to report.

Voted on the 8th article, that a Committee be raised to examine the center road and make thereon necessary sluice ways, for the preservation of the same, and were chosen for said purpose.

John Thurston
Eli Stearns
Merick Rice
} Committee

Voted to accept the verbal report of the Committee on the 3d article which is as followeth, That said Committee are of opinion, that it is expedient to paint the outside of the meeting house and make other necessary repairs thereon.

Voted to commit the superintendance of the meeting house repairs, to Jno Prentiss

Jacob Fisher
Merick Rice
} Com.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Samuel Ward modr.

Attt Josiah Flagg town Clk.

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting

1803 June 20th Meeting Warrant.

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Lancaster, on Monday the twentieth day of June instant at 4 o'Clock P.M. for the following Purposes viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2nd To hear a list of Jurymen, selected by the Select men agreable to a late act of the General Court.

3d To hear the report of their Committee raised for the Purpose of examining & ascertaining the most eligible situation to try the experiment of a stone bridge, and act any thing thereon.

4th To establish the bounds of the new School district on the West & South side of the Neck.

5th To choose a Committee to superintend the making of the road laid out by a Courts Committee near Cyrus Fairbanks's or act any thing relative thereto.

6th To abate a certain part of the subscriptions of Sundry Persons for making the new center road, or act any thing relating thereto.

7th To order the conveyance of the Farm occupied by Jacob Zwier, to his son Jacob upon certain conditions or act any thing relating to said farm.

Given under our hands and seal this sixth day of June A.D. 1803.

Jacob Fisher
John Prentiss
Wm Wilder
} Select men of Lancaster.

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the meeting house at the time & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant. June 6th 1803. Joseph Farwell Constable

Worcester ss. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs.

June 20th 1803 Joseph Farwell Constable

1803. June 20 Proceedings of Meeting

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, duly assembled at the meeting house in said town on Monday the 20th day of June instant at 4 o'Clock P.M. A.D. 1803. proceeded to act on the following articles as set forth in the Warrant Viz.

1st Voted and chose Gen.l Whiting moderator.

Voted to pass over the 2nd article

Voted to pass over the 3d article

Voted to commit the subject of the 4th article to a committee of three to report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted & chose Timothy Whiting, Josiah Flagg, Thomas Ballard } Com.e

Voted to pass over the 5th article

Voted to abate the ballance due from Oliver Carter and Nath.l Arnold, in the Subscription Paper for the Centre road.

Voted on the 7th article, That the Select men be authorized to convey by Deed to Jacob Fwier jun.r the farm formerly conveyed to the town by Jacob Fwier the said Jacob Fwier jun.r giving a bond and Mortgage of the same Farm for their indemnification against the future charges for the support of the said Jacob Fwier and Wife.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 22nd day of August next at 3 o'Clock P.M.

John Whiting Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting

Seal

Warrant for Meeting Aug. 22d. 1803.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the said town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said town, on Monday the twenty second day of August instant at 3 o'clock P.M. for the following purposes viz:

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2nd To hear a list of Jurymen then to be laid before the town by the Select men & select therefrom agreeably to a late Law.

3d To appoint an agent, or agents to oppose the laying out, or acceptance of a road from Sterling to Lancaster, or act any thing relative to said Road.

4th To consider the propriety of allowing individual Inhabitants to build Tombs in any of the burying Grounds in said town under certain restrictions or act any thing relative thereto.

5th To allow an account in favour of the Shakers, for the Support of one Lyon of their Society, and an Inhabitant of the town of Lancaster or act any thing relating thereto.

Given under our hands & Seal this eighth day of August A.D. 1803.

Jacob Fisher
John Prentiss
} Select men of Lancaster

These are to notify and warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time & place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant, Aug.st 8th 1803.

Joseph Farwell Constable

Worcester ss. Lancaster August 22d 1803. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and Inhabitants of said town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned therein, by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs.

Entered per Josiah Hagg town Clerk. Joseph Farwell } Constable

1803

Proceedings of Meeting Aug. 22d.

At a meeting of the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs duly assembled at the meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty second day of August A.D. 1803 at 4 o'Clock P.M. proceeded to act on the following articles viz.

1st Voted and chose Genl. Whiting Modr.

2nd Voted to accept the list laid before the town by the Selectmen, of persons qualified to serve as Jurors.

3d Voted to commit the aforesaid list for selection agreeably to a late law of the Commonwealth, to five persons, and were accordingly chosen William Stedman, Jacob Fisher, Timothy Whiting, John Prentiss, William Wilder } Comte.

Jurors, Selected.

4th Voted to accept the report of said Committee which is as follows viz. That the first Thirty on said List (being one third thereof) to serve on the petit Jury at the Supreme Judicial Court, and on the Grand Jury at that Court and the Court of General Sessions of the Peace: And on said List the second thirty to serve as petit Jurors at the Courts of Common pleas and General Sessions of the Peace.

Voted on the 3d Article that William Stedman & Merrick Rice Esquires, be appointed Agents for the Town to prosecute the writ of error, or certiorari now commenced and depending in the Supreme Judicial Court to be holden at Worcester on the fourth tuesday of September next to final Judgment.

Tombs may be built

Voted on the 4th article that leave be given to individual Inhabitants of this town to build Tombs in the burying places in said town under restrictions from a Committee chosen for the Purpose.

Voted and Chose for said Committee Ebenezer Torrey, Jonas Lane, Joseph Wales.

Voted to dismiss the 5th article.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Jno. Whiting Modr.

Proceedings at the adjournment of a meeting of the 20th June last, this 22d day of August AD 1803 at 4 o'Clock P.M. — 1803 June 20th Meeting Adjournt to Augt 22d

Voted on the 3d article, to pass it over to the next annual March meeting.

The Committe raised under the fourth article, not being ready to report, the same subject, voted to pass over to the next meeting.

Voted on the 5th article to choose a Committee to examine the new road laid out over the mill pond of Mr Jonas Fairbank, and confer with him relative to crossing said mill pond for the accomodation of the public travel, and report their doings together, with a plan of said road and the probable expence of making and finishing the same. at the next meeting.

Voted and chose Eli Stearns
Samuel Wilder
John Thurston
John Maynard
William Wilder
} Comee

John Whiting mod.

Attr Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Octo. 4th 1803. We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the line and renewed the bounds between the towns of Lancaster & Shirley. — Shirley Line run. Octo 4th 1803.

John Egerton
Thomas Whitney } Select men of Shirley.
John Prentiss
Wm Wilder } Select men of Lancaster

Octo. 5th 1803. We the Subscribers have this day perambulated, and renewed the bounds between the towns of Lancaster & Lunenburge. — Lunenburg line run Octo 5th 1803

Jno Prentiss
Wm Wilder } Select men of Lancaster

Boylstone line run.

Dec. 11th 1803. We the Selectmen of Lancaster and Committee of the town of Boylstone have this day perambulated the lines between the said Towns & have renewed the bounds agreeable to law, viz beginning at a white oak & stones at the South west corner of Lancaster and the South east corner of of Sterling on Boylstone north line, thence running S. 11 deg N. 1/4 Mile and 20 rods to a white oak tree in the east bank of the River and said to be the land mark between Stephen Wilder and Jonathan Hastings from thence E. 27 1/4 deg S. 1 Mile and fifty eight rods to a stake & stones on Peter Larkins westerly line in the Meadow

Aaron Sawyer } Committee in the town of
Oliver Sawyer } Boylstone

William Wilder } Selectmen of
John Prentiss } Lancaster

true copy from original Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Berlin line run.

Octo 14th 1803. We the Subscribers, hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the towns of Lancaster and Berlin, as follows viz. beginning at the corner at Boylstone at a stake & stones, thence running N. 30 1/2° East 20 1/2 rods stake Stones N. 1/4 East 29 1/2 rods stake and stones N. 15 1/2° East 24 rods oak stake & stones N. 36 1/2° East 29 1/2 rods oak tree N. 12 1/2° East 89 rods large rock and pile of Stones, S. 61 East 86 rods black oak tree S. 23 1/2 East 12 rods 18 L heap of Stones S. 14° West 40 rods heap of Stones S. 53° East 44 rods heap of Stones S. 12 1/2° West 28 rods heap of Stones S. 60° East 8 rods to a stake and stones, thence N 19 1/4 degrees East 598 rods to a small white oak tree, & stones Bolton corner.

Caleb Fairbanks } Selectmen
Ephraim Howe } of
William Wilder } Selectmen of Lancaster

by appointment Benjamin Wyman

true Copy Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Octo. 10th 1803. We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the lines, and renewed the bounds between towns of Lancaster and Sterling. 1803. Sterling line run.

Paul Bailey } Select men of Sterling
John Porter }
Wm Wilder } Select men of Lancaster
John Lowe }

for Jno Prentiss true Copy attr Josiah Flagg town Clr.

We the Subscribers, hereby certify, that we have this day perambulated the line, & renewed the bounds, between the towns of Lancaster and Harvard. Harvard line Run.

Joseph Willard Jr. } Select men of Harvard
John Hapgood }
William Wilder } Select men of Lancaster
by appointment Benjamin Wyman }

true Copy attr Josiah Flagg town Clr.

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to warn the free holders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said town on tuesday the first day of November next at 3° Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz. Warrant for Meeting 1st Novem.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2. To hear the report of their Committee relative to a road over the mill pond of Jonas Fairbank & act any thing thereon or relative to making said road.

3d To adopt some method for warning meetings in future for drawing Jurymen, or act any thing relating thereto. –

4th To hear the report of their Committee for ascertaining the bounds of the road by or near John Willards house.

5th To allow Deacon Joseph Wales to set a store on land belonging to the town near the Grammar School house. –

6th To make application to the General Court for the Privilege of a Lottery for rebuilding the large bridges, or act any thing relating thereto.

7th To choose an agent or agents to oppose the Proposed Turnpike from Leominster to Boston through Harvard.

Given under our hands & seal this eighteenth day of October AD 1803.

Jacob Fisher } Select men of Lancaster
John Prentiss }

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These are to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the Purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.
Lancaster Octo. 18th 1803. Joseph Farwell Constable

Worcester ss. Nov. 1st 1803 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place and for the Purposes mentioned therein by Posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs. Joseph Farwell Constable

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs duly assembled at the meeting house in said town on Tuesday the first day of Nov. AD 1803 at 3 o'Clock P.M. Proceeded to act on the following articles viz. —

Proceedings of Nov. Meeting.

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq. Modr.

See the files.

Voted to accept the report of a Committee for making a road over the Mill Pond of Mr Jonas Fairbank.

Voted to carry the said report into effect by a Comlee of three, and accordingly were chosen for said Purpose

John Thurston
Merrick Rice } Comlee
William Wilder

Jurors how warned.

Voted on the 3d article of the warrant; That the Constable shall in future give seven days notice to the Inhabitants for warning meetings for drawing Jurors

Report on Jno Willards Road.

Voted to accept the report of their Committee which is as followeth viz "The committee to whom was submitted the 6th article of the meeting April fifth have attended that service, and report.

That it will be inexpedient to make any alteration in the road near John Willards excepting where the road interferes with land of Nathaniel Whittemore, which by ancient records never was intended, and that the Town ought & may without injury, discontinue the road so far as it goes upon land of said Whittemore, so that the west line of the road will begin at a Sassafras tree at the S. E. corner of said Whittemores farm, thence N. 20° E the course of his line 66 rods.

Jno Whiting
Benja Wyman } Assessors

Lancaster Nov. 1. 1803.

1803.

Proceedings of Nov meeting continued

Voted on the 5th article to refer the subject matter to a committee of seven to report at this meeting and accordingly were chosen Jn° Whiting, Jn° Maynard, Jon. Wilder, Jacob Fisher, Tim° Whiting, Jonas Lane, Joseph White } Com.ee

Said committee accordingly reported that leave may be given to Deacon Wales to set a building near the Grammar School house within certain limits.

Voted, not to accept the report aforesaid.

Voted to choose three agents to join our Representative at the General Court to petition for the grant of a Lottery.

Voted and chose Samuel Ward, Timothy Whiting, Merrick Rice } agents.

Voted that no agents be chosen to oppose the proposed turnpike from Leominster to Boston through Harvard.

Division of Neck School District.

Voted to accept the following report of a committee for dividing the Neck School district "The Subscribers a committee appointed to establish the bounds of the Neck Districts on the west and east sides the Neck have attended the business assigned them, and report, that all the Inhabitants and their estates on the west side of the Road from Deacon Wales's dwelling house to Mr Hosley's including said Wales and Hosley shall be the West District, and that all the Remainder of the Inhabitants and their estates which belongs to the Neck District shall be the East District. Timothy Whiting, Joniah Flagg, Thomas Allen } Com.ee

Nov 1st 1803.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Sam.l Ward Mod.r

Attest Joniah Flagg town Clerk

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Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster, . . . Greeting.

(Seal)

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the meeting house in said town on Monday the 19th Dec at 2 o Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern the Meeting

Warrant for Meeting 19th Nov.

2d To see if the town will reconsider the vote passed the last meeting whereby agents were chosen to present a petition to the General Court for a grant of a Lottery, or act any thing relating thereto.

3d To Sappoint agents to oppose the granting a turnpike from Leominster through Harvard & Concord to Boston, or act any thing relating thereto.

4th To hear the report of their Committee raised for the Purpose of directing the building tombs, or act any thing relating thereto. Given under our hands and seal this 5th Dec. 1803.

Jacob Fisher
Wm Wilder
John Prentiss
} Select men of Lancaster.

Lancaster Dec. 5th 1803. Pursuant to the above Warrant I summon & notify the Inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned.

Joseph Farwell Constable

Worcester ss. Dec 19th 1803. By virtue of the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned therein by Posting the same at the Meeting House as the Law directs. Joseph Farwell Constable

Attr Joriah Flaggtown Clerk

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, duly assembled at the meeting house in said town on monday the nineteenth day of December eighteen hundred and three, at 2d o Clock P. M.

Proceedings of Nov. 19th Meeting

Proceeded to act on the following articles viz

Voted and chose John Maynard Esq moderator.

Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last meeting whereby agents were chosen to present a petition to the General Court for the grant of a Lottery.

Voted to dismiss the 2d article.

Voted to dismiss the 3d article in the warrant. —

Voted to accept the report of a committee for building tombs. Report as follows "Your committee chosen the 22d August last to consider what restrictions are necessary to be observed in building Tombs, report as follows. The tombs to be built on the front line of the new burying ground and all others in Town to begin on each side the front gate that each proprietor be obligated to build a good brick wall in front four feet high and twelve inches thick to be covered with a painted timber, and a flate to be placed in front of each Tomb, on which his name shall be inscribed and that each person be allowed ten feet of ground in front and twelve deep, and an uniformity in building be attended to throughout the whole, the person that builds the first Tomb shall so construct the wall on the side that the next must build on, that he may turn his arch upon it three feet from the bottom, and that every person who shall build after shall be obliged to pay the person who built before him three Dollars and fifty cents. Any person disposed to build shall in future apply to the Select men for directions. All which is submitted. —

Tomb committee Report.

Eben[r] Torrey
Jonas Lane
Joseph Wilder
} Comee.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

John Maynard

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Seal

1804.

Warrant for March Meeting

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as the law directs to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of March next at one o'clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2d To choose town Officers for the year ensuing.

3. To adopt some method which shall make the Rev. Nathaniel Thayer's salary as good as it was at the time it was granted, or act any thing relative thereto.

4th To direct their Selectmen to lay out a road from the corner of Asa Warner by the house of Capt. Daniel Rugg to the road leading to Shirley, or act any thing thereon.

5th To see if the town will agree to keep the latin Grammar School Stationary, through the year, or act any thing relative to Schooling in general.

6th To allow an account presented by Joseph Newman against the town for the support of Sally Newman or act any thing relative to the same.

7th To abate the taxes of the following persons viz. James Carey, Jacob Patch, John Avery, James Pratt Rufus Fletcher, or act any thing thereon.

8th To accept the report of a committee for building Bridges or act any thing relative thereto.

9th To see if the town will adopt some method whereby the Highway surveyors shall seale their accounts, annually and pay the ballance into the treasury, or act any thing relative thereto.

Given under our hands and seal, the twentieth day of February A.D. 1804.

Jacob Fisher
John Prentiss 2d
William 2d Wilder
} Select.men of Lancaster.

1804 March 5th.

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

February 20th 1804. Joseph Farwell Constable.

Worcester ss. March 5th 1804. Agreable to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the said town to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs. Joseph Farwell Constable.

Proceedings of March Meeting.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster assembled in pursuance of the Warrant & notification for that purpose, on Monday the fifth day of March A.D. 1804.

Voted and chose General Whiting Moderator.

Voted to commit the Prudential Accots to
Samuel 2d Ward
John 2d Whiting
Benjamin Wyman.

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg town Clerk, who was duly sworn.

Voted and chose Eli Stearns Treasurer.

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher
John Prentiss 2d
William 2d Wilder
} Selectmen.

1804. March Meeting Continued

Voted and chose Benjamin Wyman, John Thurston, John Whiting — Assessors.

Voted and chose Thomas Ballard, Charles L. Knight, John Hawks jun., Richard Haven, Eli Stearns, Joseph Rice — Survey of Highways.
Jacob Fisher, Leonard Farwell, Joel Wilder, John Ballard, Titus Wilder — Survey of Highways.

Voted and chose Samuel Ward, Ebenezer Torrey, Merrick Rice — Committee for hiring Latin Grammar School master.

Voted and chose Stephen Wilder, Paul Willard, Caleb Lincoln, Israel Sawyer — Field-drivers.

Voted and chose Rev. Nathaniel Thayer, Israel Atherton, Samuel Ward, Ebenezer Torrey, James Carter, Benjamin Lee, Merrick Rice, Jacob Sweetser, John Whiting, Jeremiah Ballard, John Maynard, John Thurston — School visiting Committee. 42.

Voted and chose Eli Stearns, James Goodwin jun. — Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted and chose Jonas Lane, Sealer of leather.

Voted and chose Jonas Lane, John Thurston — Fence-viewers.

Voted and chose Samuel Jorlyn, Benjamin Chandler, Amos Willard, Richard Haven — Hog-reeves.

1804 March 5th.

Voted and chose James Goodwin, William Blanchard } Tything men

Voted and chose Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper

Voted and chose Samuel Wilder, Abijah White, John Dollison } Tellers of Staves.

Voted and chose Merrick Rice, John Maynard, Paul Willard, Ebenezer Torrey } Fishwardens.

Voted and chose Israel Sawyer, Thos Safford, Samuel Rugg, John White jun, John Maynard, Jonathan Wilder } Committee to take care of and inspect the River Bridges.

Voted to commit the subject of the 3d article in the Warrant to the consideration of a Committee of eleven, who are to report at the adjournment of this meeting, and accordingly were chosen

Samuel Ward, James Carter, Eli Stearns, Daniel Rugg, Jonas Fairbank, Timothy Whiting } Committee.

Moses Sawyer, Asa Warner, Jonas Lane, John Thurston, Ebenezer Torrey

Voted to dismiss the 4th article.

Voted to commit the fifth article to a committee of twelve by ye School district Viz. No 1. Paul Willard. No 2. James Goodwin
" 3. Consider Stedley " 4. Thomas Ballard
" 5. Jacob Fisher " 6. Eli Stearns.
" 7. Israel Atherton " 8. Timothy Whiting
" 9. Jonas Fairbank " 10. Joseph Rice
" 11. John Wilder " 12. Jno Prentiss.

1804. March meeting Continued

2 Voted to commit the subject matter of the 6th article to a committee

2 Voted and chose therefor John Prentiss, John Maynard, Jonas Lane } Committee on Joseph Newman's demand

2 Voted to pass over the seventh article (for abatement of Taxes)

2 Voted to pass over the eighth article in the warrant. — to consider the same at the adjournment of this meeting.

2 Voted to commit the subject of the 9th article to

Eli Stearns, Merrick Price, Benjamin Wyman } Committee

2 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next at 4 o'Clock P.M.

John 2 Whiting Moderator

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Town Clerk Sworn

2 Worcester ss. March 5th 1804 Josiah Flagg appeared and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Town Clerk for the year ensuing. before Israel Atherton Justice Peace

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Constable Sworn.

Worcester ss. April 3d 1804. Joseph Farwell appeared and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Constable as is prescribed by Law. before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1804 Town Officers Sworn.

Lancaster March 12th 1804. Personally appeared on the fifth instant and between that and the date hereof Eli Stearns Treasurer. Benjamin Wyman John Thurston and John Whiting Assessors. Thomas Ballard, Jacob Fisher, Charles E. Knight, Leonard Fawell John Hawks jun. Joel Wilder, Richard Haven, John Ballard, Eli Stearns, Titus Wilder, and Joseph Rice, Surveyors of Highways. Paul Willard Caleb Lincoln Israel Sawyer, Field drivers. Eli Stearns James Goodwin, Surveyors of Lumber. Jonas Lane, John Thurston Fence viewers. James Goodwin William Blanchard Tything men Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather. Samuel Jocelyn Amasa Willard, Benjamin Chandler, Richard Haven, Hog-reeves. Merick Rice, John Maynard Paul Willard Ebenezer Torrey Fish wardens. Samuel Wilder Abijah White, John Dollison Surveyors of Staves. and were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing according to Law.

before Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Lancaster April 2d. 1804 Stephen Wilder appeared ~~Stephen Wilder~~ and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Field driver for the year ensuing.

before Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Lancaster 1804 Jacob Sweetser appeared and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the Office of Pound Keeper for the year ensuing before Josiah Flagg town Clerk

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April 2nd

To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster Greeting.

(Seal)

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Lancaster qualified to vote for a Governor &c. &c. and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the second day of April next at 2 o'clock P.M. for the following purposes viz

1st. To give in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor Counsellors and Senators for the ensuing year.

2d To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

3d. To raise money to defray the expences of the town the current year and appropriate the same.

4th To consider the propriety of restraining neat Cattle Horses, other horse kind, Mules or Asses, going at large on the highways, within the limits of the town the present year, or act any thing relative thereto.

5th To hear the report of their committee on the business of Schooling and act any thing thereon.

6th. To hear the report of a committee raised for the purpose of taking into consideration the Revd Nathaniel Thayer's Salary and act any thing thereon.

7th To hear the report of a committee on the account of Joseph Newman or act any thing thereon.

8th To furnish the Inhabitants of the north part of the town with a burying place, or act any thing relative thereto.

9th To hear the petition of the inhabitants in the (on the east end west side of the neck and of) School district No 5. relative to an alteration in the lines of their several Districts and act any thing relating thereto

10. To adopt some method to settle an account presented by John Willard, for taxes paid by said Willard to Nathaniel Haskell by order of the then Selectmen. Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of March A.D. 1804. Jacob Fisher (Selectmen of Lancaster)
William Wilder
John Prentiss

Warrant.

These are to notify and warn the fee holders and other inhabitants, qualified as above named to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Joseph Farwell Constable. 1804 April 2d.

Worcester Ss. April 2d 1804 Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants qualified to vote for a Governor &c and in town affairs to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs.

Joseph Farwell Constable.

At a meeting of the fee holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as the Constitution provides to vote for Senators and Representatives duly warned and assembled on the second day of April A.D. 1804 being the first monday in said month.

The votes handed into the Selectmen for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors are as follows. viz.

Votes for Gov.

For Governor

His Excellency Caleb Strong Esq 109
Hon. James Sullivan Esq 49

For Lieutenant Governor

Edward H. Robbins Esq 109
William Heath Esq 45
James Bowdoin Esq 1

For Senators and Counsellors.

Daniel Bigelow	100	Edward Bangs	56
Elijah Brigham	100	John Whiting	55
Thomas Hale	99	Moses White	53
Salem Towne	98	Samuel Jones	52

Voted and chose General John Whiting moderator.

Monies.

Voted to raise Four thousand dollars to defray the expences of the town the current year.

Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses, other horse kind, Mules or Asses, going at large within the limits of the town the present year on the highways.

Voted to ~~Accept~~ the report made by a Committee on the subject of Schooling.

here follows the said Report.

1804 April meeting proceed

The committee appointed to take into consideration the 5th article relative to keeping the Latin Grammar School, and Schooling in general in the town have attended the business assigned them, and report that it is necessary to raise One thousand dollars for Schooling the current year four hundred dollars of which to be appropriated for the purpose of keeping the Latin Grammar School, at the Grammar School house through the year, and the remaining Six hundred Dollars to be proportioned to the several school districts in the town, according to the taxes they respectively pay for the purpose of keeping an english grammar School. and that a deduction be made from the five center districts, for the benefit of those less central to wit fifty p^{r} Cent from the school district on the west side of the neck called No 12 thirty p^{r} cent from the district on the east side of the neck No 6. Thirty p^{r} cent from the district at New Boston and George hill No 7. twenty five p^{r} cent from the Old common District No 8. and seventeen p^{r} cent from Major Fishers district No 5. which deductions are to be divided and set off to the following districts in proportion to the several sums allowed their respective districts for english grammar Schools excepting five per cent. of the amount thereof to Walnut Swamp district. to wit Paul Willards No 1. James Goodwin No 2. Consider Studleys No 3. Jonas Fairbanks No 9 Joseph Rice, No 10. and John Wilder No 11. And that the committee of each school district shall annually make a regular statement under his or their hands of the application of their monies for the past year and present the same to the Select men before they receive School Orders for the current years. All which is respectfully submitted. Signed by all the Committee

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

School Committee Report.

Voted to accept the ministerial committees report, as follows Mr. Lancaster March 26th 1804.

Your committee chosen at the last town meeting for the purpose of devising means to make the Revd Mr. Thayers Salary as good as it was when he was ordained, have attended that service and report that One hundred and ten dollars be annually added to his salary for the present and the three next succeeding years. at the expiration of which time we have no doubt the town will adopt such further measures as reason and justice shall then require.

Proceedings of April meeting 1804.

Report on Revd Mr. Thayers Salary.

Signed by all the Committee

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk. —

Voted that the Selectmen furnish a burying Cloth for the inhabitants at the north part of the Town.

Voted to accept the report of a committee on an account exhibited against the town by Joseph Newman.

for report see file

Voted to pass over the ninth article in the Warrant to May meeting.

Voted to commit the subject matter of the tenth article in the Warrant to John Maynard, John Prentiss, Major Rice } Committee

Voted to appropriate of the money raised this year as follows. Revd Mr. Thayers Salary Five hundred and ten dollars. for the latin Grammar School four hundred Dollars, For the english grammar School Six hundred dollars, and eight hundred Dollars for the repairs of highways, to be worked out thereon at the same rates as last year. was this day Voted to be raised.

Money Appropriations

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of May next at 4 o Clock P. M.

John Whiting Moderator

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clk.

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April

Proceedings at March meeting Adjourn

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster held on Monday the second day of April A.D. 1804. at 4° Clock by adjournment from March the fifth, being the annual March meeting), the town proceeded as follows. viz.

Voted to accept the report of a Committee on prudential Accounts.

Voted to abate the Taxes of Rufus Fletcher in Collector Bennetts rate list, and

Voted to pass over the remainder of the 7th article in the March meeting warrant.

Voted to accept the report of a Committee raised to consider the subject of the ninth article, as follows.

Report of Com.ee on Highway Surveyors Duty.

"Your Committee chosen at the last town meeting on the article for adopting some method whereby Highway Surveyors shall settle their accounts annually have attended that service and report that the law of this Commonwealth requires that all Highway surveyors shall exhibit their bills to the select men on the first Monday in July annually, and thereby shew that they have worked out at least one half the money assigned for that purpose, and at the expiration of the year for which they were chosen, shall make a settlement with them and pay the ballance into the hands of the treasurer under the penalty of twenty Dollars for each neglect, and that by a vote of the town the other half of the money assigned to each ~~of the~~ Surveyors shall be worked out by the first day of October Annually.

Your committee further report that the assessors certify to the Select men annually the sums assigned to each highway Surveyor to work out in his district that they may know whom to call upon if any should neglect their duty as required: And also that the highway Surveyors for the two last years be called upon to make an immediate settlement of their bills.

Lancaster April 2nd 1804

Eli Stearns
Merrick Rice.
Benj.a Wyman

1804. April.

Voted to pass over the eighth article of the Stone bridge committee, Report, to May meeting.

Voted and chose Joseph Farwell constable.

Voted and chose Gen. John Whiting
Samuel Rugg
John Prentiss
} Singing School Committee

Proceedings of Adjournment of March Meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the annual May meeting at half past 4 o'Clock P.M.

John Whiting moder.

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Here follow the Prudential Accounts of the Town as exhibited by the Select men.

Account of expenditures of the town of Lancaster from March 1st 1803. to March 1st 1804.

Prudential Acco.s for 1803.

For support of Poor

Moses Dickinson, wife and Jon James	70.28
Charles Lorey	10.30
Mercy Manning	35.64
Sally Newman	6.2
Betty Brown	25.63
Peter Manning	9.33
William D'Putron & Wife	59.44
Rebecca Fletcher	30.93
Jerusha Osgood	84.84
William Larkin	12.74
Dinah Holt	26.92
Eusebia Priest	38.54
Lucy Dickinson	16.6
Jane Kendall	41.38
Polly Wilder	35.5
David Butler	2.24
Samuel Dickinson	10.97
Mary Harris	21.8
Caleb Rugg's family	6.8
Physicians Bill 28. Coroners Bill 45	73
	556.50

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To amot. of Poor expence brot over . $ 586,50

Prudential Accots. 1803.

Expence of Latin Grammar School	107,26½	
English Grammar School	500.–	
Revd Nathaniel Thayer salary	400	
Collecting Taxes for the year 1801	94,33	
Assessing Taxes	66,51	
Entertaining Town Officers & Committees	47,38½	
Spragues Bridge	4,25	
Whitings Bridge	7,59	
Whites Bridge	1–	
Athertons Bridge	20,12	
Sluice ways on Center Bridge	26,31	
Small bridges and extra repairs roads	42,12	
North Road	2–	
Walnut Swamp Road	169,23	
Road from Elders to Lincolns	2,58	
		1490,59
Suits supported & defended	64,16	
Detecting horse thieves	7,33	
Warning Town Officers to qualify	1,50	
Bass viol expence	1,25	
Singing School	75,21	
Guide Post	1–	
Repairing fence at Center burying Ground	1,13	
North burying Ground new fence	28,8	
Perambulating town lines	21,50	
Vendueing town Property	1,50	
Cash paid Town of Andover	128,25	
Paid town of Harvard for Jane Kendall	62–	
Interest of Thomas Ballards note	5,96	
Postage letters and making deeds	2,59	
Taxes on Town Property	50	
Meeting house Expence	185,25	587,21
		$ 2664,30

Cant. over

To amount brought over		$ 2664.30	1804.
Abatement of Taxes.			
Obadiah Frye	4.84		1803
Reuben Witherbee	2.69		Prudential
Jacob Zwier	5.26		Acc^t
John Hadley	.80		"
Josiah Southwick	1.96		
Oliver Carter & Nathaniel Arnold Subscription to New Road	9.–		
Aaron Lyon	8.7		
Jesse Cook	3.67		
Richard Sargeant	2.53		
Nathaniel Sawyer & Caleb Fairbank	1.56		
Joseph Cutting	2.53		
Jonas Fairbank	2.44		
Ephraim Crouch	2.53	47.88	
Total		$ 2712.18	

Jacob Fisher
William Wilder
John Prentiss } Selectmen.

Dr Town of Lancaster, in account current with Eli Stearns Treasurer Cr.

April 18. 1803.	To town orders as ft Selectmens rec^t	989 93	Mar 21 1803	By ballance on old acc.	2036.35
July 4.	" D^o D^o "	363.32	April 4	" Cash of Eph^m Carter estate	1.68
Octo. 3.	" D^o D^o "	491.64		" Ditto of Luther Sawyer	2.39
Jany 2, 1804	" D^o D^o "	1003.99		" Ditto " Nathl Williams	2.57
Feb 6	" D^o D^o "	242.67		" Ditto " Robert Townshend	7.42
	John Willards note	6.72		" Ditto " Jno Dollison	3.53
29th	Town orders ft Selectmens Rec^t	33.25	Octo. 3	Ditto Jno Willard	1.30
	Ballance due from Collec Benett	128 90		Ditto " Town Harvard	13 –
	D^o D^o " Farwell	2926 93	Sep. 7	d^o Assessments for 1803	4013 88
				d^o School district No 1	3.14
				D^o Polly Wilder	10 –
			Feb 6 1804	D^o Benj^a Egerton	1 –
			20.	D^o Town of Harvard	89.32
			27	D^o Jonas Lane	87
				Ballance due Town	90
		$ 6187.35			$ 6187.35

March 5th 1804 Eli Stearns Town Treas^r.

1804 Dr. The town of Lancaster. Cr.

Prudential, Continued for 1803.

To sundry outstanding Orders	888.	By taxes uncollected in Collector Bennetts hands	128.90
" Collector Bennetts Commission for collecting taxes & abatemts	120	Ditto in Collector Farwells hands	2926.93
" Thomas Ballards note	99.33		
" ballance due Treasr.	90		
ballance in favr. of Town	1948.60		
	$3056.83		$3055.83

March 5th 1804

John Prentiss
Jacob Fisher
William Wilder
} Selectmen

Report of Comte. on Selectmen's accts.

Lancaster March 27th 1804 The Committee to whom was submitted the account of the Selectmen for the year 1803. have attended that service and find that they are accurately stated and properly vouched.

Samuel Ward
John Whiting

Warrant for May meeting

(seal) Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster . . . . . Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of massachusetts, You are hereby required to warn the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote for a representative and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the seventh day of May next at 2° Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1st To choose a person to represent them at the General Court appointed to be held at Boston on the last Wednesday of May next.

2nd To Choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

3. To reconsider the vote for accepting the report of a Committee upon the account of Joseph Neuman and recommit said account, or act any thing relating thereto. 1804

4th To accept or reject a Road laid out by the Selectmen by Capt. Daniel Rugg's or act any thing relating thereto. May.

5. To reconsider a vote passed on the seventh article for the April meeting warrant in 1803, and choose a highway Surveyor for the George hill District or act any thing relating to the said 7th article. Warrant. "

Given under our hands and seal this 23d day of April A.D. 1804.

Jacob Fisher
John Prentiss
William Wilder
Selectmen of Lancaster.

These are to notify and warn the free holders and other Inhabitants, of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representative and in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Joseph Farwell Constable

Worcester ss May 7th 1804 agreable to the within warrant I have notified and warned the free holders and other inhabitants of the said town to assemble at the time & place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs.

Joseph Farwell Constable

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs duly assembled at the meeting house on Monday the seventh day of May A.D. 1804 at 2 o'clock P.M. Proceedgs of May meetg

Voted to send a Representative to the General Court of this Com

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May Meet.

Proceed.gs

Votes for Represent.

monwealth.

The votes being handed into the Select men were counted and sorted the whole number was 137. whereof Jonathan Wilder had 93.
Jonas Lane " 26
Gen. Whiting " 17
Merrick Rice " 1

The Select men declare the choice of Mr. Jonathan Wilder for their Representative.

Voted and chose Major Rice Moderator.

Voted to commit the Subject of the third Article to a Committee of five.

Voted & Chose Jonathan Wilder
Benjamin Wyman
William Stedman
John Thurston
Thomas Safford
} Com.ee

Voted to dismiss the 4th article.

Voted to dismiss the 5th article

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Merrick Rice mod.r

Attr Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Adjournment of March meeting opened

Voted on the 8th article of the March meeting warrant that the Report of the Stone bridge building Committee be put on file, and no further transaction on the same subject be had at this present meeting.

Adjournment of April meeting opened.

Voted to pass over the ninth article of the warrant.

Voted on the 10th article to dismiss the same.

Voted to dissolve this meeting John Whiting mod.r

Attr Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Mr Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said town, on Monday the fifth day of November next at 12 o'Clock at noon, to act on the following Articles viz.

Warrant for choosing Electors and Representative to Congress. Nov 5th 1804

1st To give in their votes for nineteen Electors of President, and Vice President of the United States conformable to the resolve of the Genl Court of this Commonwealth.

2nd To give in their votes for a Representative to represent the people of the North Worcester District, in the Congress of the United States.

3d To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

4th To direct the sale of the Jotham Woods place or repair the House, or act any thing relating thereto.

5th To discontinue the old road leading from Sterling road to the new road, across Jonas Fairbanks Mill Pond or act any thing relating thereto.

6th To choose a Committee to examine the new road over Jonas Fairbanks Mill pond or act any thing relating thereto.

7th To hear the Repat of your Committee on Joseph Newman's Amount and act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands & Seal this twenty Second day of October 1804.

Jacob Fisher
John Prentiss
Select men of Lancaster

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Nov 5th

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as the law directs to meet at the time and place for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Lancaster Octo. 22d 1804. Joseph Farwell Constable

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants within mentioned to meet at the time place and for the purposes mentioned therein, by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs. Lancaster Nov. 5th 1804. Joseph Farwell Constable

Proceedings of the meeting

At a meeting of the freeholders of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for a Representative to the general Court of this Commonwealth assembled on Monday the fifth day of November A D 1804 at 12 o'Clock at noon. The votes handed in to the Select men for the choice of nineteen Electors, of President & Vice President, of the United States, by a general Ticket agreeable to an act of the General Court of this Commonwealth: The votes being Counted and sorted were as follows viz.

For Electors at Large.	Hon. David Cobb Esq.	Gouldsboro'	Maine		96
	" Oliver Wendell Esq	Boston	Massachusetts		96
	" John Coffin Jones Esq	Boston	Suffolk		95
	" Benjamin Goodhue	Salem	South Essex		96
	" Bailey Bartlett	Haverhill	North Essex		96
	" Eldzar Brooks	Lincoln	Middlesex		95
	" William Shepard	Westfield	South Hampshire		96
	" Ebenezer Mattoon Jr.	Amherst	North Hampshire		93
	" William Seaver	Kingston	Plymouth		96
	" Ebenezer Bacon	Barnstable	Barnstable		96
	" George Leonard	Norton	Bristol		96
	Joseph Allen Esq	Worcester	Worcester South		96
	Hon. Josiah Stearns	Lunenburgh	Worcester North		96
	" David Rossetter	Richmond	Berkshire		96
	" Cotton Tufts	Weymouth	Norfolk		96
	" John Lord	Berwick	York		96
	" Isaac Parker	Portland	Cumberland		96
	" Thomas Rice	Wiscasset	Lincoln		96
	Samuel S. Wilde Esq	Holliswell	Kennebeck		94
	Samuel Wilde "	Holliswell	Kennebeck		2
	Hon. Ebenezer Brooks "	Lincoln	Middlesex		1
	" Ebenezer Mattoon "	Amherst	North Hampshire		3
	" Cossin Jones	Boston	Suffolk		1

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For Hon James Sullivan Esq	Boston		87	
" Eldridge Gerry "	Cambridge		87	
" James Bowdoin "	Boston	Suffolk	87	Nov. 5th.
" Col. John Hathorne "	Salem	South Essex	87	
" Dr Thomas Kittredge	Andover	North Essex	87	
Hon. James Winthrop Esq	Cambridge	Middlesex	87	
" Jonathan Smith Jun.	West Springfield	South Hampshire	87	
" Edward Upham "	New Salem	North Hampshire	87	
" James Warren "	Plymouth	Plymouth	87	
" Josiah Deane "	Raynham	Bristol	87	
" John Davis "	Barnstable	Barnstable	87	
" Timothy Newell "	Sturbridge	South Worcester	87	Electors
Gen John Whiting "	Lancaster	North Worcester	85	at
Hon John Bacon Esquire	Stockbridge	Berkshire	87	Large.
" William Heath "	Roxbury	Norfolk	87	
" John Woodman "	Buxton	York	87	
" Charles Turner "	Turner	Cumberland	87	
Col. Thomas Fillebrown "	Hallowell	Kennebeck	87	
John Farley Esq	Newcastle	Lincoln	87	
Moses White "	Rutland	South Worcester	1	
Gen John Worcester	Lancaster	North Worcester	1	

Votes for a Representative to represent the people of the North Worcester District, in the Congress of the United States, being called for, were Counted and sorted and were as follows viz —

2 Votes for a Federal Representative.

For Gen. John Whiting --	84
" Hon William Stedman Esq	76
" Jonas Kendall Esq. --	4
" Hon. Daniel Bigelow --	1

The town proceeded to Business agreably to the Warrant hereto Subjoined.

1st Article Voted Chose Gen. Jno Whiting Mod.

Voted to Sell the Woods plan so called, and the Selectmen are thereby authorized to Sell the same at Publick Auction.

Voted to pass over the 5th Article in the Warrant.

Voted to choose a Committee to examine the new road over the Mill pond of Jonas Fairbank and report their opinion to the Town.

* Committee Chose Dec. 5th
Genl Whiting
Daniel Sagar
Thos Whiting
Asa Whitney

1804 116 Voted to accept the Report of a Committee chosen
Nov. 5th. to investigate the Claim which Joseph Newman has
Meeting upon the Town for the support of a Pauper.
Proceedings NB. said report is on the files!
Continued John Whiting Modr.
Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

The Subscribers hereby certify that we have
this day perambulated the lines between Bolton
Bolton line run. and Lancaster, and renewed the bounds.

Jacob Fisher
John Prentiss
Stephen Gardner
Stephen Nurse
Nov. 13th 1804.

Select men of Lancaster & Bolton.

true Copy Attest
Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Seal Worcester Ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of
the town of Lancaster, - - - - - Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
1805. chusetts, You are hereby directed to warn the free
March holders and other inhabitants qualified to vote
Meet.g in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in
Warrant. said town on monday the fourth day of March
next at 1° Clock P.M. for the following purposes
viz. 1st To Choose a moderator to govern said
meeting.
2nd To choose town officers for the year ensuing.
3d To raise money to defray the necessary expences
of the town the Current year and appropriate the same
4th To Continue the latin Grammar School stationary without limitations in the center School house or at

any thing relating thereto.

4th To Choose a Committee, or Committies, to confer with the Towns of Sterling, Bolton and any Town in the vicinity or their Committees on the propriety of erecting a suitable building for a work house, or act any thing relating thereto. — or any thing that shall tend to lessen the expence of the Poor. March Meeting Warrant.

6th To procure a number of suitable machines for the purpose of opening the roads in the winter season.

Given under our hands & seal this eighteenth day of February A.D. 1805.

Jacob Fisher
William Wilder
Selectmen of Lancaster

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as above mentioned, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Notificat.

Joseph Farwell Constable

Worcester ss. March 11th 1805. pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs. Return

Joseph Farwell Constable

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster assembled in pursuance of the warrant and notification for that purpose on Monday the fourth day of March A.D. 1805. Proceedings of March meeting

Voted and chose Gen. Whiting Moder.

Voted to commit the Seled men and Treasurers accounts to a Committee of Three, and were

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proceedings of March meeting

chosen for the said purpose.

Samuel Ward
John Maynard
Caleb Lincoln
} Committee on Prudential acct.

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg Clerk

Voted & chose Eli Stearns Treasurer.

Voted that three Selectmen be chosen

Voted and chose, John Prentiss
" Jonas Lane
" Edward Goodwin
} Selectmen

Voted and chose, Benjamin Wyman
John Whiting
John Thurston
} Assessors.

Voted and chose,
Thomas Ballard
John Goodwin
Amasa Willard
Richard Haven
Jonas Goss
Eli Stearns
John Low
Caleb Lincoln
Joel Wilder
Stephen Wilder
& Salmon Willard
} Highway Surveyors

Voted and chose, John Prentiss
Benjamin Wyman
Merrick Rice
} Committee for hiring Latin Grammar School master

Voted and chose,
Amasa Willard
John Robbins 2d.
Israel Sawyer
Benjamin Thompson
} Field-drivers

Voted and chose,
Revd. Nathl. Thayer
Timothy Whiting
Ebenezer Torrey
Merick Rice
Jacob Fisher
Moses Smith Jr.
Samuel J. Sprague
Jonas Lane
John Prentiss
Jacob Sweetser
John Whiting
Consider Studley
} Committee to visit Schools.

Voted and chose,
Eli Stearns, James Goodwin Jr. Surveyors of lumber

Voted and chose, Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather

Voted and chose,
Abijah White, Abner Pollard, Thomas Bennett Jr. } Fence Viewers
Joel Wilder

Voted and chose
Ephraim Flagg, Joseph Rogers } Hog-reeves
Aaron Johnson, John Prescott

Voted and chose James Goodwin, John Wilder, Tything Men.

Voted and chose Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper

Voted and chose
John Dollison, Abijah White & Sam[l] Wilder Cullers of Staves

Voted and chose
Ebenezer Torrey, Eli Stearns } Fish wardens
Paul Willard, John Wilder 2[d]

Voted and chose
Samuel J. Sprague, Leonard Farwell } Come to Inspect and keep in order the River Bridges
Thomas Safford, John Maynard
Thomas Bennett Jr. Richard Haven

Voted to pass over the 3[d] Article to April meeting.

Voted to continue the Latin Grammar School one year longer on the principles of the System adopted the last year.

Voted to Commit the Subject of the 5th article to five and were accordingly chosen

John Prentiss, Jonas Lane, Jacob Fisher, Merrick Rice, Eli Stearns } Committee

Voted to pass over the 6th article to April meeting. To report at next meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at 4 o Clock P. M.

Proceedings of March meeting Continued.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

John Whiting Moder

Town Clerk Sworn.

Worcester ss. March 6th 1805. Joriah Flagg appeared and is sworn to the faithful perfamance of the duties of the office of town Clerk to which he has been chosen for the current year.

before Sam'l Ward Justice of the Peace

Town Officers Sworn.

Lancaster March 11th 1805. Personally appeared on the fourth instant, and between that & the date hereof Eli Stearns Treasurer. Benjamin Wyman, John Whiting and John Thurston Assessors Thomas Ballard, John Goodwin Aman Willard, Richard Haven, Eli Stearns, John Lowe, Caleb Lincoln Joel Wilder, Jonas Goss, Stephen Wilder, Salmon Willard. Surveyors of Highways. Aman Willard John Robbins 2d. Israel Sawyer Benjamin Thompson Field drivers. Eli Stearns, James Goodwin Jr. Surveyors of lumber. Abijah White, Joel Wilder Abner Pollard, Thomas Bennett Jr. Fence Viewers. James Goodwin, John Wilder Tythingmen. Jonas Lane Sealer of leather. Ephraim Rugg, Aaron Johnson Joseph Rogers John Prescott Hogreeves. Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper. Ebenezer Torrey Eli Stearns Paul Willard. John Wilder 2d Fishwardens. John Dodson Abijah White. Samuel Wilder Surveyors of Staves and were Severally sworn to the faithful perfamance of the duties of the respective offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing according to Law.

before Joriah Flagg town Clerk.

1805 April meeting Warrant

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the Town of Lancaster — Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors and in Town affairs; to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of April next at one O'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1st To give in their votes for Governor & Lieut Governor.
2d To give in their votes for ten Senators & Counsellors.
3d To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs
4th To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.
5th To see if the town will make the necessary alteration and repairs on the Latin Grammar School house, and build a wood house for the same or act any thing thereon.
6th To restrain neat Cattle, Horses Mules, and Apes according to law in such case made and provided.
7th To see if the town will provide, a build a suitable building or buildings for the hearse and magazine, or act any thing thereon.
8th To consider the propriety of making a fence round the town burying fields, or act any thing thereon.
9th To consider the propriety of raising the price of labour on the highways or act any thing thereon.
10th To Consider the Propriety of Shortning the highway from Mr Oliver Carter's to Bolton line.

Given under our hands & Seal this 18th March 1805.

John Prentiss
Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
Selectmen of Lancaster

These are to notify and warn the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as to vote in the Choice of Representatives to meet at the time and place and for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Joseph Farwell Constable.

Worcester ss. Lancaster April 1st 1805. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor &c and in town affairs to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house & the law direct.

Joseph Farwell Constable.

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At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as the Constitution provides to vote for Senators and Representatives duly warned and assembled on the first day of April A.D. 1805. being the first Monday of said month: The Votes handed in to the Selectmen for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Counsellors are as follows viz.

Votes for Governor & Senators

For Governor

His Excell'y Caleb Strong 138
Hon. James Sullivan - 86
Hon. Eldridge Gerry - 1

For Lieut. Governor.

His Honor Edward H. Robbins Esq 137
Hon William Heath - - - 89

For Senators & Counsellors.

Samuel Jones 87 Thomas Hale 131
Pliny Merrick 87 Elijah Brigham 130
John Whiting - 87 Salem Towne 130
Edward Bangs 87 Daniel Bigelow 129

Esquires.

Voted and chose William Stedman Esq. Moder.

Samuel Allen Esq. had 139 Votes for County Treasurer

Voted on the 3d article of the warrant to commit the subject matter thereof to a committee of three

Voted and Chose Eli Stearns, John Prentiss, William Gould } Committee.

Voted to restrain neat cattle horses, mules & asses from going at large on the Commons highways from this first of April to the first of November next.

Voted on the 7th article to commit the Subject thereof to Three to report at May meeting next
Voted and Chose Eli Stearns, John Prentiss, Wm Gould } Com.ee

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Voted that the Selectmen shall enclose the ancient burying grounds by a fence composed of Posts and Rails.

Voted that the prices of labour on the highways shall be ten cents for a man p.r hour, and in that proportion for Teams and utensils, allowing for each of them even cents at the discretion of the Assessors

Price of Labour &c. on Highways

Voted on the 10th article to commit the Subject thereof to the following persons viz. Jonas Fairbank, Paul Willard, Sam.l Sprague } Comm.ee

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest J. Flagg Clk. Wm Stedman Modr.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster held on Monday the first day of April A. D. 1805. at 4 o Clock by adjournment from March 4th last being the annual March meeting.

Adjournment of March meet.g

Voted to accept the Repat of the Committee on Prudential Accounts.

Voted to raise two thousand dollars to defray the expences of the town the current year

Monies.

Voted to appropriate five hundred & ten dollars for the Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer's Salary.

Voted to raise One thousand dollars for the repairs of highways.

Voted to pass over the 5th article

Voted to dismiss the 6th article

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of May next at 4 o Clock P.M.

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk. John Whiting Modr.

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Prudential Accots 1804.

For support of Poor

Widow Mehitable Woods	36.54
James Dickinson	9.48
Jno Barry (Deerfield)	18.-
Joel Priest	21.43
Rebecca Fletcher	43.33
Jerusha Osgoods	59.90
William Larkin	21.7
Moses Dickinson & Wife	68.94
Wm D'Putron & Wife	59.77
Lucy Dickinson	17.84
Mercy Manning	58.22
Physicians Bill	15.-
Peter Manning	7.80
Widow Knight	3-
Jane Kendall	46.55
Polly Wilder	29.81
David Butler	31.19
Mary Harrisburg Life	88.60
Betty Brown	12.32
Sally Newman	42.25
Samuel Dickinson	23.5
Pedro Marshal (State poor)	48.16
Peter Davis	36.30
John Solindine	2.50
Emily Willard	7.49
Joseph Wilder & Wife	52.48
Widow Mary Phelps	14.63
Timothy H. Curtiss	4.73
Overseers fees & Journey to Milford	46.50

$926.88 Total amot for support of Poor.

Prudential Acco.t Continued

Old New Center burying fields	4
Collecting Taxes Years 1802 and 3.	147.68
Militia Companies & magazine	58 -
Pannikin Bridge	6.37
Whites Bridge New Trussell &c	81.10
Sprague Bridge	17.25
Ministers Salary	510 -
Latin G. School	207.73
English G. Schools	600 -
Meeting house	31.29
Town Pound	3.21
Singing School	75
Postage Letters	37
Perambulating town Lines	6.50
Records of Births & Deaths	10.64
Guide Posts and Trees	15.67
Expense of vendueing Town property	3 -
Funeral Apparatus	64.54
Making & repairing Small Bridges	6.64
Supporting & defending Suits	14.40
New Worcester Road	337.11
Sterling contemplated Road	1.92
Entertaining Town officers	61.21
Assessing Taxes	91.15
Taxes abated	53.67
Centre Road	120.13
Laying out Road near Cap.t Ruggs	3 -
Bridge New Samuel Ruggs	7 -
	$ 2464.33
	926.88
	3391.21
Farm purchased	79.3
	$ 3470.24

Jacob Fisher
William Wilder } Selectmen of Lancaster
John Prentiss

Dr. The town of Lancaster in account with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer

1804 March 19	To town orders & Thomas Ballards Note ⅌ Selectmen Rect.	594.23	
May 7	" Town orders ⅌ Selectmens receipt	559.67	
Aug. 6	" Town orders ⅌ Selectmens receipt	438.81	
Dec. 3	" Town order ⅌ Selectmens receipt	766.89	
1805 Jany 7	" Town order ⅌ Selectmens receipt	247.53	
Feb. 26	" Town orders ⅌ Selectmens receipt	919.20	
March 2	" Town orders ⅌ Selectmens receipt	550.98	
	" Oliver Carters note rec'd of the Collector	14.24	
	" Town orders ⅌ Selectmens Rect.	26.	
4	" Town orders ⅌ Selectmens Receipt	89.67	
	" ballance in Collectors Farwells hands	2946.2	
	" Notes uncollected	282.82	
	ballance due the Town	10.2	
		$7440.08	

1804 Mar 5th	By ballance brought from old account	3054.93
Sep 3	" Cash received & endorsed on Aaron Phelps note	.82
Nov 5	" Cash received of Jere. Fales for money loaned	.90
	" Ditto received of Robert Townshend for do.	.72
Dec. 3	" Ditto received of Prentiss & Bridge for articles sold at Vendue	53.45
1805 Jan 7	" Cash rec'd for Widow Woods vendue	2.83
Feb 4	" Cash rec'd for Wm & Ephraim Wilders note	9.73
	" Cash rec'd for money loaned to Jno Sargent	1 —
26	" Cash received for money loaned to Jacob Fisher	4.35
	" Assessments for the year 1804 committed to Joseph Farwell to collect.	4008.82
Mar 1	" Cash rec'd for Israel Sawyers note	13.68
2	" Cash rec'd for Eliska Bennett note	1.13
	" Cash rec'd & Indorsed on Jno Willards note	4.90
	" Notes uncollected	282.82
		$7440.08

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account & find it fairly and accurately stated agreeable to Selectmens Account Current, with the Treasurer

Jacob Fisher
William Wilder } Selectmen.

March 4th 1805.

Eli Stearns town Treasurer.

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To sundry outstanding orders	261.27	By Taxes uncollected	2940.2
" Collectors Commissions . .	60.9	" Ephm Beamans note for woods place	245.
" Abatement Taxes . . .	53.67	" Monies paid for poor not our own liable to be refunded . .	146.44
" Treasurers note to Samuel Allen for support of Mehitable Woods . . .	100 –	Notes uncollected	37.82
ballance in favour of the town	2904,36	Ballance due from Treasurer . .	10.11
	$ 3379 39		$ 3379.39

Lancaster March 7th 1805.

We have agreable to our appointment examined the prudential accounts of the town exhibited by the Selectmen & Treasurer, and have carefully compared the the orders with the entry's in the book, and cast the same and found them right cast and properly vouched, and it is our opinion, that the Selectmen & Treasurer are justly deserving the thanks of the town for the faithful discharge of their trust.

Comm^ees Report on Prudentials

Saml Ward
John Maynard
Caleb Lincoln

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell, Constable of the town of Lancaster . . . Greeting

(seal)

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by law to vote for Representatives, and in town affairs, to meet at the meeting house in said town on the first monday in May next at two o Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

Warrant for May meeting.

1st To Choose a representative, to represent them in the General Court, the ensuing year. —

2d To choose a moderator to govern the Meeting, in town affairs. —

3d To direct their Treasurer to pay out Thirty dollars, to purchase Books for poor Schollars, or act any thing thereon.

4th To consider the propriety of procuring Scrapers for the use of the highway Surveyors. or act any thing thereon. —

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5th To Compensate Mr. Samuel Rugg, for his attention to, and meeting with the Singers, the year past or act any thing thereon. —

6th To direct the sale of the Sargeant Farm (so called) and take into Consideration the propriety of purchasing the farm now in the possession of Stephen Sargeant under certain conditions. —

7th To see if the town will discontinue the old road, that lies west of Mr Jonas Fairbank's mill pond and leading from Sterling road to the Worcester road. —

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8th To direct the Treasurer to enforce a speedy collection of Taxes or act any thing thereon. —

9th To see if the town will direct their Select-men to lay out a road from Mr Caleb Lincoln's to the road near Mr Studley's or act any thing thereon. —

10th To consider the propriety of choosing agents to oppose the new contemplated Turnpike across the Intervale, or act any thing thereon. —

Given under our hands and seal this 26th day of April 1805. John Prentiss, Jonas Sane, Edward Goodwin } Select men of Lancaster.

Entered & examined per Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

These are to notify and warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representative, and in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.
Lancaster April 22d. 1805.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representative and in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting the same at the most public place in the Law directs.
Lancaster May 6th 1805. Joseph Farwell Constable. —

At a meeting of the free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives, and in town affairs, duly assembled at the meeting house on Monday, the fifth day of May A.D. 1805. at 2 o Clock P.M. — —

Voted to send a Representative to the General Court.

The votes being handed into the Selectmen, were counted and sorted, the whole number was 159. whereof Mr Jonathan Wilder had — 100.

Gen. John Whiting . . 57
Col. Jonas Lane . . 2

Voted to pass over the 3d article of the warrant.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to accomodate the several Highway districts with suitable Scrapers. —

Voted to commit the subject-matter of the 5th article to a Committee of three, and accordingly were chosen for said purpose John Carter, Jacob Fisher, John Whiting, Comtee

Voted to pass over the 6th article. —

Voted to discontinue the old Road west of Mr Jonas Fairbanks's mill pond. —

Voted to refer the Consideration of the 8th article to the Selectmen.

Voted to pass over the 9th article. —

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Samuel Ruggs business, and here follows the Report.

"The Committee report on the within article, That such compensation as the Selectmen and the Committee first chosen to superintend singing shall judge adequate, not exceeding Ten dollars"

Jacob Fisher Jr Order.

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Voted to pass over the 10th article. —

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Wm Stedman Modr.

Attest J Flagg Clr.

May Meeting Proceedings.

At an adjournment of March meeting

Voted and chose Joseph Farwell Constable.

Voted to accept the report of a Committee on the Work house business, — see files.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John Whiting Modr.

Attest J Flagg Clr.

Ma. M. meeting adjourn. Proceedings

May 11th 1805. Joseph Farwell appeared and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Constable and Collector in the town of Lancaster as is prescribed by Law. before Josiah Flagg town Clr.

Constable sworn.

Worcester ss To Josiah Flagg town Clerk of the town of Lancaster — — — Greeting.

Seal

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the meeting house in said Lancaster on Saturday the first day of June next at 3 o Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.

2d To receive a Report of a Committee raised at

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at the last April meeting to consider the propriety of making repairs and alterations on the Latin Grammar School-house, or act any thing thereon.

3d To receive a report of a Committee raised at the last April meeting to consider the propriety of building a Hearse house and magazine or act any thing thereon.

4th To receive a Report of a Committee raised at the last April meeting to consider the propriety of making any alterations, on the road near Mr. Richard Haven's or act any thing thereon.

5th To consider the propriety or expediency of selling the Sargeant Farm so called, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands & seals this 17th day of May 1805. John Prentiss } Select men of Lancaster
Edward Goodwin }

Worcester ss May 18th 1805. This is to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant

Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Worcester ss June 1st 1805. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned therein, by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs. Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs held at the meeting house in said town on Saturday the 1st day of June 1805 at 3 o'clock P.M. —

Proceedings of June 1st Meeting

1 Voted and chose William Stedman Esq Mod.

2 Voted to accept the Report of a committee on the subject of Repairing and altering the Latin Grammar School house. In file

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to carry into effect the Object of said Report,

Voted and chose Eli Stearns, Richard Haven, Edward Goodwin } Com.tee

Voted to accept the Report of a committee for building an House house and magazine and that the subject matter of said Report be carried into effect by the Select men.

In file. Voted on the 4th article of the warrant to accept the Repost of the committee for making and altering the Road near Mr Richard Haven's provided, the whole expence to the town for carrying into effect the subject thereof, shall not exceed twenty five dollars, and that the Select men are hereby authorized to lay out the road and make the alterations necessary.

Voted to dissolve the 5th Article.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest Josiah Bass Clerk

Wm Stedman Mod.

Pond
100 Feet
Path
Hall

Plan for altering
L.G School House

Lancaster May 6. 1805.

Your Committee to whom was referr'd the 5th & 7th articles in warrant for Ap.l meeting, beg leave to submit their Service & report that in our opinion, on the 5th article, the Latin Grammar School House ought to be altered agreeably to the plan accompanying this report, viz, by pulling down the Chimney, placing a Stove near the centre, to warm the house, building a Porch at the east end for a place of entrance, placeing the masters Desk at the west end directly opposite, and making three ranges of short Seats & Writing tables on each side the middle aisle, which will, with a low seat round said aisle for small Scholars, contain 100 at least - and that the expence will be about 120 $ -

And on the 7th Article that a convenient building ought to be erected for the Hearse, Powder magazine &c. that sixteen feet by ten, & eight feet high will be sufficient for that purpose, that a Strong Chest should be provided for the Powder &c. about 6 feet long, 2 feet high & 2 feet wide that the whole expence will be about $80.00

We further report that in our opinion the most suitable place for the above building will be found in the new burying field - - all which is respectfully submitted by

Eli Stearns
John Prentiss
William Gould

June 1903

Worcester ss To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster . . . Greeting. 1805. June 26. Warrant.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Lancaster, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Wednesday 26th of June instant, at 3 o Clock P. M. for the following purposes viz. ——

1st To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.

2d To consider the propriety of reconsidering a vote passed by the town June 1st. 1805 relative to repairing the Latin Grammar School house or act any thing relating to said House. —,

Given under our hands & Seal this 12th June 1805.

John Prentiss
Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

This is to notify and warn the freeholders and inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.
June 12th 1805. Joseph Farwell Constable

Worcester ss. Lancaster June 26th 1805 Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs.
Joseph Farwell Constable

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June 26th Proceedings

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs assembled at the meeting house on Wednesday the 26th of June A.D. 1805.

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Lane Moderator.

Voted that the Committee raised to make alterations and repairs on the Latin Grammar School house, suspend the repairs till further Orders from the Town.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Jonas Lane Moderator

Attest J. Flagg Cler.

Town Warrant for Nov. meeting 1805.

Worcester ss To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster - - - - - Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 18th of Nov. instant at one O'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1st To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2d To consider the propriety of choosing an agent or agents to oppose the road which is contemplated to be made from near Capt. Thomas Bennets barn to the corner of Maja Jacob Fiskers Pasture adjoin

ing Mr Jacob Sweetsers Farm on the county road or act any thing thereon.

3. To consider the propriety of choosing an agent or agents to oppose the contemplated Turnpike from Jacob Fishers across the intervale to Bolton or act any thing thereon

4th To consider the propriety of taking some method to collect a note due the Inhabitants of Lancaster from Col. Heard or act any thing thereon.

5th To consider the propriety of taking some method to open the road from Sterling line near Capt. Henry Wilders to Capt John Thurston, or act any thing thereon. Given under our hands & seal this 4th day Nov. 1805.

John Prentiss
Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
} Select men of Lancaster

These are to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant Nov. 4th 1805 Joseph Farwell Const.

Worcester ss. Lancaster Nov. 18. 1805 Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs.

Joseph Farwell Const.

1805 136 At a meeting of the freeholders and other
Nov 18th inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote
in town affairs assembled at the meeting house on
proceedings of Monday the 18th of November A D 1805 at 1 Clock
P.M.

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq Modr

Voted and chose Moses Smith Jr. Esquire an agent to oppose laying out a road near Capt Thomas Bennetts barn to the Corner of Major Jacob Fishers Pasture adjoining Mr Jacob Sweetsers Farm.

Voted that if the legislature of the Commonwealth shall see fit to grant the prayer of the petitioners for a turnpike from Major Jacob Fishers in Lancaster to Mr Jacob Fishers in Bolton, the Representative of this town be requested and instructed to use his influence to have a clause ingrafted in the act for the incorporation to indemnify the town of Lancaster from ever being subjected to any expense for said contemplated Turnpike Road or its future support. —

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to collect, or dispose of the note which is due from Col. Edmund Heard, as they may think fit & proper.

Voted to dismiss the 5th article in the warrant.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Saml Ward Modr

Attest Joriah Flagg Clerk

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Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell constable of the town of Lancaster . . . . . Greeting —

Warrant for March Meeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote for Representatives and in town affairs to meet at the meeting house in said town on Monday 3d day of March next, at one o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz. —

1st To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.

2nd To choose town officers for the ensuing year. —

3d To raise Money to defray the necessary expences of the town the current Year, and appropriate the same.

4th To consider the propriety of keeping the latin Grammar School stationary in the center of the Town another year, or act any thing thereon, or any thing relative to the English grammar Schools. —

5th To give in their votes for County Treasurer. —

6th To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds, for the County of Worcester. —

7th To hear a Report of a Committee raised for the purpose of examining the causeways and Bridge over Jonas Fairbanks Hill pond. —

8th To consider the propriety of allowing individuals for Powder furnished the Militia the last Batalian Muster, or act any thing thereon. —

9th To disconnect New Boston and George hill districts for making and repairing roads. —

10th To request the Committee for visiting the Schools to visit and examine each School, at the Commencement as well as at the close thereof —

11th To consider the propriety of annexing the Inhabitants of the southern west sides of the neck so called with their estates to the east side of said Neck so as to form a School District as they were in the year 1802. or act any thing thereon.

1806. 12th To consider the propriety of apportioning the mo-
March ney raised for schooling, as it was previous to the
Warrant town's voting the Latin grammar School Station-
ary, or act any thing thereon. ——
Continued. 13th To consider the propriety of petitioning
the Court of General Sessions of the peace to
alter the new road from Sterling to Capt John
Thurstons in Lancaster, so as to pass near Capt Dan-
iel Goss's to new Boston so called, or act any thing
thereon. ——

Given under our hands and seal this 17th Feb.y
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John Prentiss
Jonas Dane
Edward Goodwin
} Select men of Lancaster.

a true copy attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

This is to notify and warn the free holders &
other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified
to vote for Representative and in town affairs to meet at
the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned
in the foregoing warrant. Joseph Farwell Constable
Lancaster Feb 17th 1806.

Worcester ss. Lancaster March 3. 1806. Pursuant to the
within warrant, I have notified and warned the free
holders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster
qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and
in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for
the purposes within mentioned by posting the same
at the meeting house as the Law directs. Jos Farwell Con.

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

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March meeting & proceedings

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lunaster assembled in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant and notification on Monday the third day of March A. D. 1806.

List of voters being read. —

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esquire moderator.

The throne of Grace being addressed by the Revd Nathaniel Thayer, the town then proceeded to Business. The Selectmen exhibited the prudential accounts, which were read and committed by vote to — — — — Timothy Whiting Esq
Major Fisher
Capt Wyman

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg town Clerk.
" " " Eli Stearns Treasurer.

Voted to have three Selectmen and were chosen

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
Thomas Safford
} Selectmen

Voted to choose three Assessors and were chosen

Lieu^t John Whiting
Benjamin Wyman
William Gould
} Assessors

Voted and chose

John Maynard	Ephraim Bigham	Highway Surveyors
Ephraim Rugg	Horatio G. Bullrich	
Elias Emerson	Oliver Houghton	
Abner Pollard	James Fuller	
Eli Stearns	William Blanchard	

Adjourned a just over to April meeting the choice of Surveyors in the Gorge Hill and New Boston Districts. —

Also the Choice of a Committee for hiring Latin Grammar School master. —

Voted and Chose Paul Willard John Goodwin Gawen B. Newmen Edward Low } Field Drivers

Voted and chose Eli Stearns James Goodwin Jr Surveyors of Lumber

Voted and chose Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather

1806. Voted and chose a Committee for visiting the Schools as

Proceedings of March meeting Continued

follows viz.

Rev.d Nath.l Thayer	Timothy Whiting	School Visiting Committee
Jon.a Whiting	Thomas Safford	
Dea. Joseph Wales	Israel Atherton	
John Prentiss	Merrick Rice	
Samuel Ward	Ebenezer Toney	
John Thurston	Jacob Sweetser	

Voted and chose

Paul Willard, John Dollison, Richard Haven, Caleb Lincoln	Fence viewers	Paul Willard, Benj.a Willard, Stephen Wilder, James Mallard — Hog reeves

Voted and chose

John Wilder, Oliver Baldwin — Tything Men. By ballot Jacob Sweetser Town Keeper

Voted and chose

John Dollison, Abijah White, Samuel Wilder	Callers of Staves	By ballot John Maynard, Capt. Benj.a Houghton, Ebenr. Haven, John Wilder 2.d — Fish wardens

Voted and chose the following persons to take care of the several River Bridges viz.

Joel Wilder Jr. Sprague's Bridge.
Abner Willard " Center "
Thomas Bennett Jr. Bennetts "
John White Jr. Whites "
John Maynard Ponniken "
Richard Haven Athertons

Money for Highways.

Voted to raise and appropriate eight hundred dollars to be worked out on the highways in the same manner it was the last year. Raising the other Monies put over to April.

1806. March meeting proceedings in Continuation

Voted to commit the subject of the 4th article to a Committee raised from the several School districts in Town viz —

for District No 1. Leonard Farwell
2. John Robbins
3. William Gould
4. John Maynard
5. Jacob Fisher
6. Eli Stearns
7. Josiah Flagg
8. Timothy Whiting
9. Jonas Fairbank
10. Nathl. Lowe Jun
11. John Wilder 2nd

West side Neck John Prentiss

Voted to pass over to April meeting the 5th 6th & 7th articles

Voted to commit the subject matter of the 8th article to

Gen. Whiting
Major Rice
Esq. Whiting
} Comee

Voted to commit the subject matter of the 9th article to the Selectmen. — — —

Voted to put over to April meeting the business comprized in the 10th and 11th articles. — —

The subject matter of the 12th article submitted to the Committee to whom was referred the matter of the 4th article. — — — —

Voted on the 13th article to submit the same to

Capt John Maynard
Major Merrick Rice
Mr Daniel Stearns
} Comee

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in april next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Samuel Ward Modr

Attest Josiah Flagg Clr.

Worcester Ss. March 3d 1806. Then Josiah Flagg Esq made solemn oath, faithfully and impartially to perform and discharge all the duties incumbent on him as town Clerk for the ensuing year and until another Clerk is chosen and sworn in his room.

before me Timothy Whiting Jus. Pacis.

Copy of oath Town Clerk Sworn.

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Town Officers Sworn.

Lancaster March 1 1806, personally appeared on the third instant, and between that and the date hereof Eli Stearns Treasurer John Maynard, Ephraim Rugg, Elias Emerson, Abner Pollard Eli Stearns, Horatio G. Bullock, Ephraim Bigelow, Oliver Houghton, James Fuller & William Blanchard Highway Surveyors. John Whiting, Benjamin Wyman & William Gould Assessors. John Wilder, Oliver Baldwin Tythingmen. Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather. Paul Willard Benjamin Willard, Stephen Wilder James Mallard, Hogreeves John Dollison Paul Willard, Richard Haven, Caleb Lincoln Fence Viewers. John Maynard, Ebenezer Haven Capt Benj[a] Houghton John Wilder 2[d] Fish wardens. Paul Willard John Goodwin Gawen B. Newman Edward Low. Field drivers. Eli Stearns, James Goodwin Jr. Surveyors of Lumber. John Dollison, Abijah White Samuel Wilder, Surveyors of Staves. Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper. and were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices, to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing according to Law.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell, Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting. 1806. 143

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote for Governour, Lieut. Governour Senators and Counsellors, and in town affairs, to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of April next at one oClock P.M. for the following purposes. viz

Warrant for April Meeting.

1st To give in their votes for Governour & Lieut Governour.

2nd To give in their votes for four Senators and Counsellors.

3d. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

4th To restrain neat Cattle, Horses Mules and Asses from going at large, or act any thing thereon

5th To see if the town will take any Measures to repair the Neck bridge so called, or act any thing thereon.

6th To choose a committee to superintend the making of the new road, from Sterling to Capt. John Thurston's in Lancaster, or act any thing thereon.

7th To see if the town will adopt some method to repair the new center Road so called or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seal this 24th day of March AD 1806. — — — Jonas Lane, Edward Goodwin, Thomas Sawyer } Selectmen of Lancaster

This is to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governour, Lieut Governour, Senators and Counsellors, and in town affairs to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Joseph Farwell Constable

Lancaster March 25th 1806

1806. April.

Worcester ss April 7th 1806 pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Lancaster as within directed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting the warrant at the meeting house as the law directs. Joseph Farwell Constable

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Proceedings of April meeting

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as the Constitution provides to vote for Senators and Representatives, duly warned and assembled on the Seventh day of April A.D. 1806. being the first Monday of said month. The votes handed into the Selectmen for Governour, Lieut Governour, Senators and Counsellors, are as follows. — — —

Governour.		Lieut Governour.	
For His Excy Caleb Strong,	151	For The Honor Edward H. Robbins	149
" Hon James Sullivan .	75	" Hon. William Heath .	78

For Senators and Counsellors. —

For Elijah Brigham	144	For Edward Bangs	78
" Salem Town - -	144	" Moses White .	78
" Daniel Bigelow	143	" Samuel Jones	79
" Thomas Hale .	141	" Pliny Merrick	79
		John Whiting	1

Esquires.

Voted and chose General Whiting Moderator.

Voted to restrain neat Cattle, Horses mules and Asses from going at large on the Common and Highways from this Seventh of April to the first of November next.

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April meet.g Proceedings.

Voted to commit the subject matter of the 5th Article to a Committee of three viz Leonard Farwell
Edward Goodwin
Paul Whiting } Com.ee

Voted to commit the subject matter of the 6th Article in the Warrant to a Committee of three and were chosen.
John Prentiss
Merrick Rice
Jacob Fisher } Com.ee

Voted to commit the subject of the 7th article to a Committee of five who are to view the Road and report the necessary Alteration, and estimate the expense thereof: For which purpose were chosen
John Prentiss
Merrick Rice
Jacob Fisher
Richard Haven
Eli Stearns } Com.ee

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest Josiah Flagg Cler. John Whiting Mod.r

March meeting Adjournment

Agreably to an adjournment of March meeting the Inhabitants proceeded to act on the following articles viz.

Voted to accept the Report of Committee on Prudential Accounts.

Voted to disconnect George hill and New Boston Districts for making and repairing Highways.

Voted and Chose Timothy Fletcher a Surveyor of Highways for the George hill District.

Voted and Chose Solomon Carter a Surveyor of Highways for New Boston District

1806. April March meeting proceedings

Monies.

Voted to raise two thousand Dollars to defray the expenses of the town the current Year.

Voted the following appropriations viz

For the Revd. Nathaniel Thayer's Salary, five hundred and ten Dollars.

For English and latin Grammar Schools One thousand Dollars.

For the use of a Singing School Seventy five dollars.

Voted to accept the Report of the School Comte.

Report on Schooling

The undersigned a Committee to whom was referred the fourth and twelfth articles of the warrant for the annual meeting in March current relating to Schooling, have attended the business assigned them, and respectfully submit the following report viz, That the latin Grammar School be kept Stationary, at the center School-House the eight ensuing months hereafter named in each year viz September October, November, December, January, February, March and April, and two months in No 7 District, and two months in No 4 District, and that the several School Districts in the Town shall receive the sums respectively affixed to them for support of the English Grammar Schools as follows, viz.

School Districts

Numbers.

District No. 1	87	Dollars	Committee.
Do 2	45	Jno Robbins	
Do 3	62	Wm Gould	
Do 4	95	Jno Maynard	
Do 5	39	Jacob Fisher	
Do 6	66	Eli Steams	
Do 7	90	Josiah Flagg	
Do 8	36	Timothy Whiting	B. Leonard Farwell for No 1 declined signing this Report.
Do 9	72	Jonas Fairbanks	
Do 10	52	Nath. Low Jr.	
Do 11	49	Jno Wilder 2d	
Do 12	29	Jno Prentiss	

Lancaster March 18th 1806

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Voted that a Committee of three be raised to Superintend Singing School affairs and accordingly were Chosen for such Purpose John Whiting
Solomon Carter
Edward Goodwin

March meeting adjourn'd

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the eighth article of the warrant. See files

Votes handed in for County Treasurer were for Samuel Allen Esqr 104.

County Treasurer & Register Voted for.

Votes handed in for County Register were For Daniel Clap Esqr -- 104.

Voted that the Committee for visiting Schools be requested to visit and examine each School as well at the beginning, as at the Close thereof.

Voted on the 13th article to accept the Report of the Committee. See files

Voted to choose a Committee for hiring Latin Grammar School Master and were Chosen
Samuel Ward
Eli Stearns
Solomon Carter
} Comm^ee

Here followeth a Statement of the Selectmen and Treasurer's Accounts.

Account of expenditures of the town of Lancaster from the 1st March 1805 to 1st March 1806.

In support of Poor.

Moses Dickinson	23.41	William Larkin	20.64
Mercy Manning	43.79	Jane Kendall	57 -
Wm D Puton Wife	59.82	Polly Wilder	80.71
Rebecca Fletcher	47.10	David Butler	11.81
Jeremiah Osgood	59.5	James Dickinson	9.94

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For support of Poor continued.

Samuel Dickinson	9.99	Emily Willard	4.72
Lucy Dickinson	23.48	Betty Brown	4.84
Peter Manning	52	Joseph Wilder & Wife	16.41
Widow Mary Phelps	26.50	Thankful Wheelock	38.57
Danl. Johnson in Prison	10.28	Sally Corey Harvard pauper	6.59
Timo. H. Curtiss	1.32		
Peter Davis	11.60	Widow Lydia Knight	10
Calvin Phelps	16.84	Joel Priest	23.85
Overseers Services			45.

Total amount of Poor expence 663.79

The Revd. Nathaniel Thayer's Salary	510
Latin Grammar School	331.3
English Grammar Schools	600
Taxes abated	10.63
Births and Deaths recording	5.68
Balloting Boxes hearse Boxes Postage of letters and other Contingencies	9.92
Scrapers for Highway Surveyors	55.48
Entertainment of Town Officers & Comees	43.18
Hearse house & Hearse Repairs Magazine Chest &c &c	80.33
Assessing Taxes and apportioning money	80.14
Bass Viol Repairs	1.43
Neck Bridge	3.8
Centre Road & Bridge	5.7
Spragues Bridge	28.85
Bennetts Do	53.95
Whites Do	23.12
Singing School	11.70
Town Pound Expence	47
Old & New burying Ground	25.62
Athertons Bridge	1.27
	$ 2544.74

The total expences for one year past is $2544.74 — 1806

March 8th 1806. — April. —

March meet proceedings.

John Prentiss
Jonas Lane
Edw Goodwin
} Select men

The undersigned, a Committee appointed to examine the prudential Accounts of the town for the past year, have attended the business assigned them — And respectfully report, that the Accounts are Carefully and regularly kept and properly vouched and Correctly stated to the town, And that in the Opinion of your Committee, the Select men have merited the Approbation, and are entitled to the thanks of the Town.

Committee Report on Prudential Accounts

Timothy Whiting
Jacob Fisher
} Comte

Dr The town of Lancaster in accot with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer Cr

1805 June 3	For Town Orders & Select men Recd	578.36	1805 June 5	By ballance brd forward from old acct	2950.4
Feb 7	For Town Orders & Select men Recd	669	Aug 5.	By assessments for the year 1805 Committee Jo Farwell & Collect	2010.53
1806 Feb 3	For Town Orders & Do Do	410.87	9	Town Order of Prentiss & Bridge	40.8
28	For Do Do & Do Do	563.79	Nov 4.	Cash of Jno Willard not	2.48
		2222.02	1806 Jan 7	Cash of Manass Wilder Do	4.61
	For ballance in Col Farwell hands	738.37	Feb 3.	Cash of Jonas for lyst Do	8.46
	For the whole assess for 1805	2010.53			5016.20
		$4970.92			4970.92
				Ballance due Town	$45.28

Eli Stearns } Town Treasurer

John Prentiss
Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
} Select men

Dr. The town of Lancaster Cr.

1806	To sundry outstanding Orders	$519.59	1806	By Taxes uncollected	2748.90
	" Collectors Commissions	24.10		" Ephraim Beamans note	245.
	" Abatement of Taxes	10.63		" J. Sawyers Note	55
	" Treasurers note to Samt Allen for Support of Mehitable Woods during life	100 –		" Jonas Fairbanks Note for the amt of Sale of E. Heards note	96 –
	" Debt due the town of Buckland for support Dolly Wyman wife of Samuel Johnson	98.57		" Sundry notes and accts Collectable	63.57
				" Ephraim Brighams Obligation for Rent of Farm	31 –
				" Jonathan & Abijah Wheelocks note for support of Frank Jul Wheelock	40.57
	Ballance due Town	2602.43		" Sundry Ballances due from the several Highway Surveyors	30
				In Treasurers hands as per accts exhibited	45.28
		$3355.32			$3355.32

March 3d 1806.

John Prentiss
Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
} Select men

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April.
March adjt.
Town Accts.
Current.

1806
April.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of May next at 4 o Clock P.M.

Samuel Ward Modr.

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk

March meeting adjourned

April 23. 1806 Solomon Carter and Timothy Fletcher, made Oath, that they would faithfully and impartially, discharge the duties of the Office of Highway Surveyors for the town of Lancaster, to which they were chosen at an adjournment of the March meeting last.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster - Greeting

Warrant for May meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to warn the free holders and other Inhabitants qualified to vote for a Representative and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the fifth day of May next at 2 o Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz

1st To choose a person or persons to represent them at the general Court appointed to be held at Boston on the last wednesday of May next.

2d To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs.

3d To make such alterations and repairs in the latin grammar School house as will render it convenient for teaching Youths & act any thing relative thereto.

1806. 152 4th To hear a report of their committee raised on
May the 5th article of their April Warrant.
meeting 5th To hear a report of their committee raised
Warnant on the 7th Article of their April meeting warrant.
(Continued) 6th To see if the town will afford any Relief
In repairing the Roads in George hill district
So called, or act any thing thereon.
7th To See if the town will afford any assist
ance in Supporting Hildreths Bridge
So called, or act any thing relative thereto.

Given under our hands and Seal this
twenty first day of April 1806.

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
Thomas Lyford
} Select men
of
Lancaster.

This is to notify and warn the freeholders
and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster
qualified to vote in the Choice of Representa
tives, and in town affairs, to meet at the time
and place, and for the purposes mentioned in
the foregoing Warrant.

Lancaster April 21st 1806 Joseph Farwell Constable

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and
warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of
Lancaster qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives
and in Town affairs, to meet at the time and place and for
the Purposes within mentioned, by posting the same at the meet
ing house & the law directs. Joseph Farwell Constable
Lancaster May 5th 1806.

1806. May Meeting Proceedings

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives, and in town affairs duly assembled at the meeting house on Monday the fifth day of May A.D. 1806.

The town voted to send a Representative to the General Court the present year.

The votes handed in to the Selectmen being Counted and Sorted are as follows viz whole number 162

Jonathan Wilder Esq. had		111
Gen. John Whiting	"	33
Major Merrick Rice	"	10
Mr Eli Stearns	"	5
Mr Jacob Sweetser	"	1

Two Representatives Chosen.

The town also voted to send another Representative to the General Court the present Year. The house was polled, there appeared to be Ninety eight for the measure, and Forty eight against it. The votes handed in to the Selectmen being counted and sorted were for Mr Eli Stearns, One hundred being the whole number given in.

The Selectmen declared the Choice of Jonathan Wilder and Eli Stearns Esquires for their Representatives.

Voted to dismiss the third article of the warrant.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on the North bridge Business See files

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on

1806 15th May meet.

Proceedings Continued.

the 7th article of the April meeting warrant so far as relates to the sluice ways and other necessary repairs on the Center road the amount of said sluice ways and Repairs on said Road shall not exceed the sum of two hundred Dollars. Report on file.

Center road Repairs

Voted that a Committee of three shall be raised to carry into effect the Repairs as aforesaid on the Center Road. and were Chosen

Capt. Edward Goodwin
Major Jacob Fisher
Capt. John Maynard
} Comee

Voted that fifty dollars be appropriated to repairing the Roads in George hill District to be worked out under the Direction of Messrs John Carter and Samuel Wilder with the Highway Surveyor of sd District.

Voted to commit the subject matter of the 7th article in the warrant, to a Committee of Three viz

Messrs Consider Studly
Dea. Joseph Wales
Leonard Farwell
} Comee

Voted to dissolve this meeting.
attest Josiah Flagg Clerk. Saml Ward Modr.

Constable Chosen

March meeting being opened, the town proceeded to the Choice of a Constable when John Carter 3d was Chosen.
Voted to dissolve this meeting. Saml Ward Modr.
Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk

May 13th 1806. John Carter 3d, appeared and is sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Constable and Collector for the town of Lancaster as is prescribed by Law, before Josiah Flagg town Clerk

1806 Constable Sworn.

Seal

Worcester ss. To Mr John Carter 3d Constable of the town of Lancaster Greeting.

Warrant for a meeting for federal Representative. Novr 3d 1806

You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said town of Lancaster as are qualified by Law to vote in the Choice of Representatives and in town Affairs to assemble at the meeting house on Monday the third day of November next at 1o Clock P.M. for the following Purposes viz.

1st. To give in their votes for a person to Represent the Worcester North District in the Congress of the United States.

2nd. To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

3d. To regulate the Jury Boxes in manner as the Law directs.

4th. To hear the Report of a Committee raised on the 7th article of May meeting warrant.

Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of October A.D. 1806.

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
Thomas Safford
Selectmen of Lancaster.

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Nov. 3.

Notification

Pursuant to the above warrant, I notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house on Monday the third day of November next at 1 o Clock P.M. for the purposes above specified John Carter Constable

Octo 16th 1806.

Return

Lancaster Nov: 3 1806. agreable to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the within warrant. John Carter 3 Constable.

Proceedings of Nov. meet.

At a meeting of the freeholders of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth assembled at the meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of November A.D. 1806. at 1 o Clock P.M.

The votes handed in to the Selectmen were counted and sorted and declaration thereof made as follows viz

Votes for Federal Representatives.

For Hon William Stedman Esqr. Ninety four
" Gen. John Whiting Sixty four
" Jonas Kendall Esq Seven.

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esq. Moderator being absent Mr John Prentiss was chosen in his room

Voted to commit the 3d article of the Warrant to a committee of three and were chosen for said Purpose Timothy Whiting
John Maynard
Jacob Fisher

1806. Nov 3d. Meeting Proceedings Contin.d

Voted to accept the Report on the Hildreth Bridge Business. — see files.

Voted to accept the Report of Committee on the Juror Business. — See files.

Jury Boxes Regulated. —

Voted to dissolve this meeting. —

John Prentiss Mod.r

Attest J Flagg Clerk

Worcester ss. To John Carter 3d Constable of the town of Lancaster — Greeting

Warrant for March meeting 1807.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to warn the freeholders, and other Inhabitants qualified to vote for a Representative, and in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house, in said town, on Monday the second day of March next, at one o'clock P.M. for the following purposes. viz. — To

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2nd To choose town officers for the ensuing Year.

3d To raise Money to defray the necessary expences of the Town the Current Year & appropriate the Same.

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4th To give in their votes for a County Treasurer

5th To put the Latin Grammar School House in such a state of Repair as will render it Convenient for such a number of Scholars as usually attend or act any thing relative thereto.

6th To discontinue the Road from John Wilder's to Sterling line.

7th To lay out a road from Peter Thurston's by Sawyer & Wilder's Mills to the County road leading from Whiting's to Worcester.

8th To abate the Taxes set to the Estate of Robert Barker in the Year 1803. or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of February 1807.

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
} Select Men of Lancaster.

Notification.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, You are hereby notified to appear at the time and Place, for the Purposes above specified.

John Carter 3d } Constable of Lancaster.

Return.

Lancaster March 2d 1807. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified & warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the time and Place in the Purposes mentioned. John Carter 3d } Constable of Lancaster.

1807. March meeting. Proceedings.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, assembled in pursuance of the Warrant and Notification on Monday the second day of March, A.D. 1807.

Voted and chose Gen. Whiting Modr.

After an appropriate Prayer by the Revd. Nathaniel Thayer, the List of Voters was Read & also the Prudential accounts.

Voted to Commit the Prudential accounts to a Committee of Three, and were Chosen for said Purpose John Prentiss
Jacob Fisher
Caleb Lincoln

Voted and chose Joniah Flagg town Clerk

Voted and chose Eli Stearns Town Treas.

Voted and chose Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
Thomas Sawyer } Selectmen

Voted and chose Benjamin Wyman
William Gould
Jacob Fisher } Assessors

Voted and chose,

Joseph Leach	Ebenr. Torrey	
John Carter	Peter Sawyer	
Dr. James Carter	Horatio G. Bullock	Highway
James Carter jun	Ino Thurston	Surveyors
Joseph Rugg	Charles Chase	"
Jonathan Wilder	Joseph Farwell	

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Voted and chose Merrick Rice, Solomon Carter, Eli Stearns — Committee for hiring Latin Grammar School Master

Voted and chose

Revd Nathl Thayer, Moses Smith Jr, John Prentiss, Jacob Fisher, Reuben Wheeler, Jacob Sweetser, Eli Stearns, Merrick Rice, Jon^a Wilder, Titus^n Wilder Jr, Saml Ward, Eben^r Torrey — Visiting Com^ee

Voted & chose
Amasa Willard, Thomas Bennett jun, Charles E Knight, Gawen B Newman — Field drivers

Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather.

Caleb Lincoln, Joseph Leach, Paul^n Willard, Jno Thurston — Fence Viewers

Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns — Surveyors of Lumber.

Jonathan Osgood jun, Samuel Damon jun, Stephen Wilder, Benj^a Wyman — Hog reeves

Solomon Carter Thomas Ballard. Tythingmen.

Samuel^n Wilder, Jno Dollison, Abijah White — Callers of Staves

Voted and chose Jacob Sweetser, Pound keeper. 1807.

Voted and chose John Maynard
Benj^a Houghton
Ebenr Haven
Thomas Bennett Jr.
} Fish wardens. March meeting Proceedings Continued.

Voted and chose the following persons to take care of the Several River Bridges viz.

Capt Daniel Goss Jr.	For	Spragues	Bridge.
Abraham Mallard	"	Bennetts	D^o
Thomas Safford	"	Center	D^o
Abner Pollard	"	Athertons	D^o
Jno Maynard	"	Ponniken	D^o
Jeremiah Dyer	"	Whites	D^o

Voted and chose Gen. Jno Whiting
Wm Gould
Solomon Carter
} Committee for Superintending Singing.

Voted on the 3^d article
To raise eight Hundred Dollars to be work'd out on the highways, at the usual rates, and after the usual manner, and the raising of the Residue of Monies put over to the adjournment. Money for High ways.

On the 4th article voted to put over the same.
On the 5th article Voted to commit the subject matter thereof to Eli Stearns
Nathl Whittemore
Jno Prentiss
Jacob Fisher
Edward Goodwin who are to report at the next meeting

March Meeting in Continuation.

Voted to commit the subject matter of the sixth article to John Thurston, 2 William Wilder, Ephraim Carter } Com.ee

Voted to commit the subject of the seventh article to John Maynard, Jon.a Wilder, Daniel Stearns, Eli Stearns, Jno Thurston, Jacob Fisher, Jacob Sweetser. — who are required to report at the next meeting.

Voted to commit the subject of the eighth article of the warrant to 2 Timothy Whiting, Eli Stearns, Moses Smith Jr. who are to report at next meeting

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of April next at 4 o Clock P.M.

2 John Whiting Moder

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. March 12th 1807. Then Josiah Flagg made solemn oath faithfully and impartially to perform and discharge all the duties of Town Clerk to which Office he has been chosen for the year ensuing and until another is Chosen & Sworn in his room

Before me Timothy Whiting Jus. Pacis.

Lancaster March 14th 1807. Personally appeared on the second instant, and between that & the date hereof Eli Stearns Treasurer. John Carter, James Carter jun, Joseph Leach Joseph Rugg, Ebenezer Forey, Peter Sawyer, Horatio G Buttrick John Thurston, Charles Chase Joseph Farwell. Highway Surveyors, and Jonathan Wilder. Benjamin Wyman, William Gould and Jacob Fisher Assessors; Solomon Carter Thomas Ballard Tything Men. Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather. Jonathan Osgood jun Stephen Wilder, Samuel Damon jun Benjamin Wyman Hog-reeves, Amasa Willard Thomas Bennett jun Charles E Knight Gawen B. Newman Field-drivers. Jacob Fisher Eli Stearns. Surveyors of Lumber. Caleb Lincoln, Joseph Leach, Paul Willard John Thurston Fence-viewers. John Maynard Benjamin Houghton, Ebenezer Haven Thomas Bennett jun Fishwardens. John Dollison Abijah White Surveyors of Staves: and were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective Offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing according to Law.

Before Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Town Officers Sworn.

Worcester ss. March 30th 1807. Edward Goodwin and Thomas Safford two of the Selectmen made solemn oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office respecting all elections, and the returns thereof.

April 1st 1807. Jonas Lane one of the Selectmen made solemn oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his office respecting all elections and the returns thereof. Before Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Selectmen Sworn.

1807 July 2d Worcester ss. To John Carter 3d Constable
April 1st of the town of Lancaster — Greeting —
Meeting
Warrant

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote for Governour lieutenant Governour, Senators and Counsellors, and in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one o'Clock P.M. for the following Purposes. viz —

1st To give in their votes for Governour & lieutenant Governour.

2nd To give in their votes for four Senators and Counsellors.

3d. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in town affairs.

4th To restrain neat Cattle, Horses Mules and asses from going at large on the Common or act any thing thereon.

5. To hear the report of a Committee on the 5th article of the March meeting Warrant.

6th To hear the report of a Committee chosen on the 7th article of March meeting Warrant.

7th To adopt some measures to repair the Center Bridge & Road.

8th To adopt some method for making the road & Bridge leading from Dr Israel Atherton's to the new Center Road

8th more convenient and safe for the Traveller, than it has heretofore been, or act any thing thereon. 1807 April

9th To sell the latin grammar School House or pass any vote thereon. — — — Warrant

10th To arrange the School districts in such a manner as to make them more equal and apportion the School Money equal among them. "

11th To build a bridge across the River, where Prescotts bridge (so called) formerly stood or act any thing thereon. — —

12th To order the Treasurer to refund to the Center districts the ballance of Money, that has been raised and appropriated for the latin grammar School, and not there schooled out, or act any thing thereon. — —

Given under our hands & Seal this twenty third day of March 1807. —

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
Thomas Safford
} Select men of Lancaster

Pursuant to the above warrant, I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified as above mentioned to meet at the time and place and for the Purposes aforesaid.
Lancaster March 23 1807. John Carter 3 Constable

Lancaster April 6th 1807. Pursuant to the within warrant I have duly notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the Choice of Governour & Lieut Governour & for the purposes within mentioned as the Law directs
Jno Carter 3d Constable

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April 6th Proceedings.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as the Constitution provides to vote for Senators and Representatives duly warned and assembled on the sixth day of April A.D. 1807 being the first Monday of said month. The votes handed into the Select men for Governour, Senators and Counsellors are as follows.

Governour		Lieut Governour	
His Excell'y Caleb Strong	167	Edward H. Robbins Esq	162
Hon. James Sullivan	84	Levi Lincoln	85
Edward H. Robbins	1	Thomas Legate	1

Senators and Counsellors			
Salem Towne	159	Pliny Merrick	79
Elijah Brigham	160	Edward Bangs	80
Thomas Hale	160	Samuel Jones	79
Jonas Kendall	159	Moses White	79
		Jno Whiting	1

Esquires.

Voted and chose Gen. Jno Whiting Moder.

Voted to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses mules and asses as they were the last year.

Voted on the 5th article not to accept the Report of the Committee to whom the said article of the march meeting was referred.

Voted to accept the report of Committee on the 7th article

of March meeting to warrant. See the files —

1807. April 6th Proceedings Continued.

Voted on the seventh article of the warrant that the necessary Repairs on the Center Bridge & said Road should be referred to the Selectmen.

Voted on the 8th article, that the Selectmen with the Highway Surveyor of the old Common district carry the object of said article into effect.

Voted to pass over the ninth article.

Voted that the same amount of Money for Schooling shall be raised and apportioned in the manner it was the last Year.

Voted to commit the subject matter of the 11th article to John Prentiss
Leonard Farwell
Ebenezer Torrey
Eli Stearns
Jonas Fairbanks

Voted that the Committee on the 11th article notify all persons concerned.

Voted on the 12th article to commit the subject thereof to a Committee of twelve and were Chosen for said Purpose.

Leonard Farwell,	John Robbins
Nath[l] Whittemore	James Carter
Jacob Fisher	Jonas Lane
Jonathan Wilder	Joel Wilder
John Wilder 2[d]	Nath[l] Lowe jun
Merick Rice	Moses Smith Jr.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next.

Agreeably to an adjournment of March meeting, the town proceeded to act on

1807 16th The following articles viz.

March meeting Adjourn. Voted to accept the report of a committee on Prudential accounts.

Proceedings Voted to raise Three thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the town the current year, whereof Five hundred and ten dollars were appropriated to the Salary of the Revd Nathaniel Thayer, and twenty five dollars for the purpose of a Singing School.

Monies. Votes were handed in for County Treasurer

For Samuel Allen Esq 55.

*On the Report of a committee on a discontinuance of the Road near John Wilder's Voted to accept the same. Voted to adjourn this meeting to first monday in May next at 4 o'Clock P.M.

John Whiting Modr.

attest Josiah Flagg junr Clerk.

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*Report of Committee on Jn.o Wilder's Road.

Your committee raised at the last March meeting for the purpose of discontinuing the road from Mr John Wilders to Sterling line, have attended said service and report, that in our opinion said Road ought to be discontinued in case that the said Wilder shall always give full liberty to all persons owning lands (who were accomodated by said Road in passing & repassing) to pass thro' his lands without molestation, and keep suitable gates for their convenience.

John Thurston
Wm Wilder
Eph.m Carter

April 6th 1807.

Account of expenditures of the town of Lancaster from March 1st 1806. to March 1st 1807.

For support of Poor.			$
Moses Dickinson	62.69	Amount Brot up	2587.60
Mercy Manning	51.37	Recording births & Deaths	4.56
Wm Dfruton & Wife	67.95	Expence of singing	95.66
Rebecca Fletcher	46.50	Bass Viol Repairs	1.29
Jerusha Osgood	49.47	Taking Care of Meeting house	6 —
Jane Kendall	43.60	George H. Highway expence	50 —
Polly Wilder	68.80	Collectors Commissions	92.92
David Butler	19.66	Powder for Militia	22.67
James Dickinson	16.19	Entertain.t Town officers & Com.ees	53.99
Saml Dickinson	38.86	Expence of new Sterling road	750.70
Emily Willard	7.66	Assessing taxes	53.56
Lucy Dickinson	16.71	Warning town officers	23.17
Betty Brown	10.78	Support of Whites Bridge	10.50
Dolly Wyman	98.57	Athertons Bridge	9.65
Dolly Phelps	59.19	Support of Small bridges	9.71
Wm Larkin relief	15.30	Spragues Bridge	4.49
Thankful Wheelock	2.86	Bennetts Bridge	16.77
Timothy H. Curtiss	5.84	Center Bridge & Road	144.16
Joel Phelps	190.82	For Contingent expences	.75
Sarah Brown	3.50		$3938.15
Selathiel Weatherbee	31.52		
Doctoring Poor	17 —		
Overseers of Poor & Services	45 —		
Total amt of Poor	$969.84		
Revd Nath Thayer Salary	510 —		
Latin G. School	349.66		
English G. School	722		
Abatement of Taxes	36.10		
Card up	$2587.60		

March 2nd 1807.

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
Thomas Safford
} Select men

Dr. The town of Lancaster. Cr.

1807 To sundry out standing orders	557.87	By taxes uncollected	1441.13
" Collectors Commiss.s for 1805. 1806	62.85	" Sundry notes supposed Collectable	322.98
" Abatement of Taxes	36.10		$1764.11
" Cash advanced by Treasurer	255.16		
" ballance due the town	852.13		
	$1764.11		

March 2d 1807.

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
Thomas Safford
} Select men

Dr. The town of Lancaster in account with Eli Stearns Treasurer Cr.

			$
1806 May 5	To	Ezekiel Longleys note	3.85
16	"	Town orders pr Select mens receipts	1074.6
Sep 1	"	Town orders pr Select mens rects	563.82
Dec. 1	"	Town orders pr Select mens rects	379.51
1807 Feb 23	"	Town orders pr Select mens rects	1450.99
16	"	Cash pd Saml Allen for Wid. Woods	101.50
27	"	Daniel G. Brown Jrs note	3.16
	"	Town orders pr Select mens rects	299.98
	"	ballance in Collector Fauwells hands	478.81
	"	ballance in Collector Carters hands	962.32
			$5318.00

			$
1806 Mar 4	By	ballance in the Collrs & Treasurers hands	2794.18
	"	Town orders recd of Select men	23.70
Apr. 9	"	Cash recd for one of Ephm Beamans notes	132.50
	"	Cash recd of John Prentiss	1.57
July 7	"	Assessments for the year 1806	2006.49
Feb 23	"	Town orders for Peter Manning	8.–
17	"	Cash recd on Ephm Beamans note	50–
18	"	Cash recd on Israel Sawyers note	25–
24	"	Cash recd on Jacob Fishers note	2.66
		Cash recd of Do for Highway Tax	18.74
		Ballance due Treasurer	255.16
			$5318.00

Eli Stearns Town Treasr.

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin } Select men.
Thomas Safford

Your Committee appointed at the last March meeting to examine the accounts of the Select men and Treasurer, have attended that Service and report, that their accounts are regularly kept fairly stated and properly vouched, and thinks them entitled to the thanks of the town.

Caleb Lincoln
Jacob Fisher } Committee.
John Prentiss

1807. 1st Prudentials Continued.

Report.

Worcester ss. To John Carter 3 Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting. 1807 May

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are directed to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants legally qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs to meet at the meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the fourth day of May next at one o'Clock P.M. for the following Purposes viz

1st To give in their votes for some person or persons to represent them in the General Court the Current Year.

2d To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

3d To adopt some measures to prevent the establishment of any one, or of all the proposed Routs from the meeting house to the Northerly part of the town, or act any thing thereon.

4th To authorize some person or persons to licence persons to turn milch Cows in the publick highways, or act any thing thereon.

5th To see if the Town will afford George Hill district so called any assistance in repairing their highways.

Given under our hands and seals at Lancaster this twentieth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
Thomas Lafford
} Select men of Lancaster.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives & in town affairs to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes above specified. April 20. 1807 John Carter 3 Constable of the town of Lancaster.

May meeting Warrant

Notification.

1807. May. Return.

Lancaster May 4th 1807. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives and in town affairs, to assemble at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned.

John Carter 3d Constable of Lancaster.

Proceedings May meeting

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives, and in town affairs duly assembled at the meeting house on Monday the fourth day of May Anno Domini 1807.

Voted to send a Representative to the General Court.

The vote handed into the Select men being counted and sorted the whole number 133

For Messrs Eli Stearns	85
Gen. Whiting	36
Jonathan Wilder	10
Jacob Sweetser	1
Merrick Rice	1

Voted and chose Gen. John Whiting Modr.

Voted on the 3d Article to chuse two Agents to adopt measures to prevent the establishment of any one, or of all the proposed Routs from the meeting house to the northerly part of the town.

Voted by ballot, and chose Moses Smith Jr Esq.

Voted to reconsider the former vote for chusing two agents but that the whole duty devolve upon M. Smith.

Voted to dismiss the 4th article. — — 1807.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to detach labour from the Several Highway districts to aid and assist George hill district to the amount of (not exceeding) Fifty dollars. — — May Meeting Proceedings Continued

Voted to dissolve this meeting

On the adjournment of March meeting which is now open.

Voted and chose John Carter 3d Constable. —

Meeting dissolved, and April Meeting adjournment opened.

Voted to accept the Report of a Committee on the 11th article of the Warrant which is as follows, viz —

"Your Committee to whom was referred the 11th article in the April meeting Warrant have attended that Service and report that in our opinion a Bridge in that place will be very useful in that quarter of the town, but considering the situation of our finances, we believe it would be improper for the town to take the whole burden on themselves, but if the inhabitants will build a good and sufficient Bridge for their accomodation the town will do well to aid them to the amount of One hundred and fifty Dollars,,

Report of Committee on the old Prescott Bridge.

May 4th 1807.

John Prentiss
Leonard Farwell
Ebenezer Torrey
Eli Stearns
Jonas Fairbank
} Comte

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May meeting Proceedings Continued

2 Voted to accept the Report of a Committee on the twelfth article of the Warrant for April meeting last, the substance thereof, is to expend the sum of ninety four Dollars in repairing the Latin Grammar School house. See files —

2 Voted and chose to carry into effect the said Repairs { Messrs Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns, Edward Goodwin } Comm^{ee}

2 Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John^{d} Whiting Mod^{r}

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

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2 Worcester ss To John Carter^{3} Constable of the town of Lancaster — — — Greeting)

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants thereof qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house on Monday the 25th of May instant at 4° Clock P. M. for the following Purposes viz

Warrant for Meeting May 25 1807

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2nd To accept the road leading from Peter Thurstons Corner by Sawyer and Wilders Mills across the River as laid out by the Select men and afford some aid in rebuilding a Bridge for the accomodation of the Public or act any thing relative thereto.

3. To Consider the propriety of appropriating one half of the whole highway Taxes in the district on the east side of the neck for the present Year towards repairing the old neck Bridge or lay out a Road to communicate with the new Center Bridge agreeably to a former vote of the town or act any thing relative to aiding in the Repair of said Bridge.

1807. 25th May Warrant.

Given under our hands & seal this 11th day of May 1807. Jonas Lane, Edward Goodwin, Thomas Sawyer } Selectmen of Lancaster

Pursuant to the above warrant I have by notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the time and place for the purposes above specified.

Notification

Lancaster May 11th 1807. John Carter 3 } Constable of Lancaster

Worcester ss May 25th 1807. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned therein by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs.

Returns.

John Carter 3d Constable

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster assembled at the meeting house on Monday the 25th day of May A.D. 1807. at 4 o Clock P.M.

Proceedings

Voted and chose Timothy Whiting Esq. Moderator.

Voted to dismiss the 2d Article of the warrant.

Voted to dismiss the 3d Article of the warrant.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Timothy Whiting Mod.

Attest Josiah Sawyer Clerk.

1807. May 27th 1807. John Carter 3d. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Constable and Collector for the town of Lancaster, as is prescribed by Law. Before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Constable Sworn.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of Lancaster and Leominster, have this ninth day of June A.D. 1807. perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the said towns as the law directs.

Leominster line Run June 9th.

William Burrage Jr. } Selectmen of Leominster
Luke Joslin
Edward Wilder

Edward Goodwin } Selectmen of Lancaster
Jonas Lane

(Seal) Worcester ss. To Josiah Flagg Esq. town Clerk of Lancaster. Greeting.

Warrant for July meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of July next at 4 o Clock P.M. for the following purposes (viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.

2nd To accept the road leading from Mr Peter Thurston's Corner, by Sawyer and Wilders Mills across the River as laid out by the Selectmen, and afford some aid in rebuilding a Bridge for the accomodation of the Publick or act anything

relative to said Road and Bridge.

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3d To consider the Propriety of appropriating one half of the whole highway Taxes in the District on the east side of the Neck, for the present year towards repairing the old neck Bridge or lay out a Road to communicate with the new Center Bridge agreably to a former vote of the Town or act any thing relative to aiding in the Repairs of said Bridge.

July Warrant Continued.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of June 1807.

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin } Select men of Lancaster

Worcester ss. June 18th 1807 Pursuant to the above Warrant, I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the Purposes mentioned in said Warrant. Josiah Flagg town Clerk of Lancaster

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July 6th 1807. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and Place, and for the Purposes therein specified, by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs.

Josiah Flagg town Clerk

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster assembled at the meeting house on Monday the sixth day of July 1807.

Proceedings of the Meeting

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Lane Moderator.

Voted not to accept the Report of the Select men as far as respects the laying out the Road from Thurs

1807. tons Corner by Sawyer and Wilders Mills.

Voted to afford aid to the Petitioners for rebuilding a Bridge near Sawyer and Wilders Mills. which Subject was committed to Eli Stearns
Richard Hazen
Timo Whiting
Jno Thurston
Robert Townshend.

who reported as followeth viz).

"Your Committee above named have attended those Service assigned them, and report, That the Town grant One hundred and fifty dollars to Messieurs Moses Sawyer and Abel Wilder, and such as may associate with them in building a Bridge under the following Restrictions, viz). That they build a good and Sufficient Bridge across the River, at a near the Place where the Sawyer Bridge so called formerly stood, and so as to embrace the old Road on both sides of the River; and render the laying out of a new Road unnecessary,

Report of Committee on Sawyer & Wilders Bridge.

Voted to accept the foregoing Report.

Voted That one half of the highway Taxes in the District on the east side of the Neck, in the present year be appropriated to the Repairs of the Old Neck Bridge.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Jonas Lane Moder.

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk

1807
Warrant
Nov.

Worcester ss. To Mr John Carter 3 Constable
of the town of Lancaster. Greeting

You are hereby required in the
Name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
chusetts to notify and warn the freeholders
and other inhabitants of the town of Lancas-
ter qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble
at the meeting house in said Lancaster on
Monday the 16th day of November instant at
3 o'Clock P.M. for the following Purposes viz
1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
2d To choose an agent or agents to defend
a suit commenced against said Town
by the town of Sterling, or act any thing
relative to said suit. — — —
3d To abate the Taxes set to Stephen
Sargant for the year 1805. Also the Taxes
set to Amos Sawyer 2d for years 1804 & 1805.

Given under our hands & seal this
second day of November A.D. 1807.

Edward Goodwin
Thomas Safford
Jonas Lane
} Select men of Lancaster

I hereby notify and warn the freeholders
and other inhabitants of said Town to meet at
the time and place, for the Purposes above men-
tioned in the foregoing warrant. Jn° Carter 3 Constable.

Notification on.

Lancaster Nov. 16. 1807. Pursuant to the with-
in Warrant I have notified and warned the
free holders and other inhabitants of the town of
Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble
at the time and place, and for the Purposes within
mentioned. John Carter 3 Constable.

1807. At a meeting of the qualified voters of
Nov 16. the town of Lancaster agreeable to Warrant
Proceedings on Monday the 16th day of November
A.D. 1807.

1. Voted and chose Timothy Whiting Esq. Moder.

2. Voted that an agent be appointed under the direction of the Selectmen to defend the suit brought against the town by the town of Sterling now pending in the Court of Comm. Pleas.

3. Voted and chose Major Rice their Agent.

Voted to refer the subject matter of the third article to the Assessors.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Timothy Whiting Moder.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1808. Worcester ss. To John Carter 3d. Constable of the
March Town of Lancaster. Greeting.
Warrant. In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, you are hereby required to warn
the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified
to vote for a Representative, and in town affairs
to assemble at the meeting house in said
town on Monday the seventh day of March

next at one o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz. 1808.

1. To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting. March 7th Warrant Continued

2nd. To choose town officers for the ensuing year.

3d. To raise money to defray the necessary expence of the town the current year and appropriate the same.

4th. To see if the town will divide the Highway district No 6. into two districts, or act any thing thereon.

5th. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.

6th. To see if the town will allow the Inhabitants of School district No. 11. what money now remains unexpended of their proportion allowed them for Schooling, for the purpose of building a School House, or act any thing thereon.

7th. To continue the Rev. Nathaniel Thayer's additional Salary, or act any thing thereon.

8th. To divide School district No. 1. into two Districts, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seal at Lancaster this 15th day of Feby 1808.

Thomas Safford
Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin
Selectmen of Lancaster

1808. Notification to March meeting.

Pursuant to the above Warrant, I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes above mentioned.

Lancaster Feb. 20th 1808

John Carter 3d } Constable of Lancaster

Return.

Pursuant to the above Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. Lancaster March 7th 1808.

John Carter 3. } Constable of Lancaster

Proceedings of March meeting.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster assembled in pursuance of the Warrant, and notification on Monday the 7th day of March Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and eight.

Voted and Chose John Whiting Esquire Moderator.

After an appropriate Prayer by the Revd Nathaniel Thayer, the list of Voters was read, as also the Prudential Accounts.

Voted to commit the Selectmen's accounts to a Committee of Three, and accordingly were chosen for said purpose Jonathan Wilder
Daniel Stearns
John Prentiss

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg town Clerk.
" " " Eli Stearns Treasurer.
" " " Jonas Lane
Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln } Select men.
" " " Benjamin Wyman
Jacob Fisher
Edward Goodwin } Assessors

Voted and chose

Ebenezer Torrey	Gates Thurston	Surveyors of Highways.
Daniel Harris	Dr James Carter	
Thomas Bennett Jr.	Charles L. Knight	
Robert Phelps	Ephraim Emerson	
Gardner Pollard	Paul Faulkner	
Abijah While	Jacob Lincoln	

Voted and chose Richard Haven
Merrick Rice
Eli Stearns } Committee for Hiring Latin & School Masters.

Voted and Chose,

Rev Math Thayer	John Whiting	Committee to visit Schools
Ebenezer Torrey	Merrick Rice	
Jacob Sweetser	John Maynard	
Samuel Ward	John Prentiss	
Richard Haven	Calvin Briggs	
Joseph Hiller	Thaddeus Chenney	

1808. Proceedings of March meeting in Continuation.

Voted and chose
Moses Osgood, John Townshend, Nath.l Whittemore Jr. Daniel Goss Jr. } Field Drivers

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather

Voted and chose
Caleb Lincoln Elisha Sanderson
Ephraim Carter Jonas Whitney } Fence Viewers.

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher
Eli Stearns } Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted and chose
Salmon Houghton, Eben.r Wilder,
Thomas Howe, Josiah Rugg. } Hogreeves

Voted and chose
Major Solomon Carter
Capt John Maynard } Tything Men

Voted and chose the following persons to take care of the River Bridges in Town viz.
Daniel Goss Jr. for Spragues Bridge
Thomas Bennett Jr. " Bennetts D.o
Abner Pollard " Center D.o
Richard Haven " Atherton's D.o
Moses Jones " Quassiponiki D.o
Jeremiah Dyer " Whites D.o

Voted and chose
Abijah White, In.o Dollison In.o Hawks Jr. } Cullers of Staves

1808
March
Meeting
Proceedings
Contin.

Voted by ballot and chose
Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper

Voted by ballot and chose
Messieurs Thomas Ballard
Ebenezer Haven
Benjamin Houghton
Thomas Bennett Jr
} Fish wardens.

Voted and chose
John Whiting
Solomon Carter
Jonathan Wilder
} Committee to Superintend Singing

Voted on the 3d Article, that eight Hundred Dollars should be raised and appropriated to the repairs of Highways, and to be worked out three on at the usual rate and after the usual Manner: Other Monies necessary for Town expences, the raising and appropriation thereof, put over to the adjournment of this Meeting.
Monies for Highways Granted.

Voted that the subject matter of the fourth article be referred to the Select men.

Voted to Consider the subject of the 5th article at the adjournment of this meeting.
for County Treasurer

Voted to commit the Consideration of the 6th Article to a Committee of three, and for said purpose were chosen
Merick Rice
Timothy Whiting
Jno Maynard.

1808. March meeting Proceedings Continued

Comee to Consider Revd Mr Thayer's Salary

Voted on the seventh article to commit the Consideration thereof to a Committee of eleven, for said purpose were voted and Chosen

Samuel Ward	Merrick Rice
Josiah Bowers	Richard Haven
Josiah Flagg	Ebenezer Torrey
John Prentiss	John Carter
Jacob Sweetser	Jonathan Wilder
Eli Stearns.	

Voted to Commit the subject matter of the 8th Article to the Select men.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at 4o Clock P.M.

John Whiting Modr

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Town Clerk Sworn

Worcester ss. March 17th 1808 Then Josiah Flagg made solemn oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties of Town Clerk, to which Office he has been chosen for the year ensuing, and until another is chosen and sworn in his Room.

Before me Samuel Ward Justice of ye Peace

Worcester ss. March 11th 1808. Jonas Lane, Moses Smith Jr. and Caleb Lincoln, Selectmen of the town of Lancaster for the ensuing Year, made Solemn Oath, that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their Office respecting all Elections, and the Returns thereof. Before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

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Selectmen Sworn.

Lancaster March 17th 1808. Personally appeared (on the seventh day of March instant and between that time and the date hereof) Eli Stearns Treasurer. Ebenezer Torrey, Daniel Harris, Thomas Bennett Jr. Gardner Pollard Abijah White, Gales Thurston, Charles E. Knight Ephraim Emerson. Surveyors of Highways. Moses Osgood, Nathaniel Whittemore Jr. John Townshend, Daniel Goss Jr. Field drivers. Benjamin Wyman Jacob Fisher Edward Goodwin Assessors. John Maynard Tything Men, Jonas Lane Scaler of Leather Salmon Houghton Thomas Howe, Ebenezer Wilder. Hog reeves with Josiah Rugg. Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper. Thomas Ballard Ebenezer Haven, Thomas Bennett Jr. Fish Wardens. Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns, Surveyors of Lumber. Abijah White, John Dollison John Hawks Jr. Surveyors of Staves. Caleb Lincoln Ephraim Carter, Elisha Sanderson Jonas Whitney. Fence Viewers. and were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective Offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing according to Law.

Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Town Officers Sworn.

Worcester ss. March 25th 1808. Benjamin Houghton made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of Fish warden.

April 4th 1808 [illegible] Stone made oath that he would discharge the duties of Highway Surveyor.

1808.
Warrant for April meeting 4th
Seal

Worcester ss To John Carter 3d Constable of the town of Lancaster . . . Greeting —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Representatives, & in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Monday the fourth day of April next at one o'clock P.M. for the following purposes viz. —

1st To give in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators & Counsellors for the year ensuing.

2d To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

3d To restrain neat cattle, horses Asses and Mules, from going at large on the common or highways for the year ensuing, or act any thing relating thereto. —

4th To direct the highway Surveyors of the several Districts, to build and repair the small Bridges in their respective Districts, out of the Highway Taxes or act any thing relating thereto. —

5th To hear the Report of the Selectmen on the fourth and eighth articles in the Warrant for

6th To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred the sixth article in the March meeting Warrant. 1808. April 4th Warrant.

7th To hear the report of the Committee to whom was referred the seventh article in the March meeting Warrant.

8th To permit Moses Sawyer & Abel Wilder to work out their highway taxes, on the road between their Mills, and the corner by Mr Thurston's, under the direction of the highway Surveyor, or act any thing relating thereto.

9th To dispose of the farm whereon the Widow Sargant now lives, or act any thing thereon.

10th To ascertain whether there was ever a Road laid out from Justice Whiting's over Frog hole so called to the County road leading to Worcester: And also to examine into the situation of any other road, or any town land adjoining said Whiting's farm, or any other lands in a similar situation, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty first day of March A.D. 1808.

Jonas Lane
Moses Smith Jr. } Selectmen of Lancaster
Caleb Lincoln

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote as above expressed are hereby notified to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. March 21. 1808 John Carter Constable of Lancaster. Notification

1808
April 4.
Return of Warrant.

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors & in town affairs, as is within expressed April 4th 1808 John Carter 3 Constables

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Proceedings of April Meeting

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as the constitution provides to vote for Senators and Representatives duly warned and assembled on the fourth day of April A.D. 1808 being the first monday of said Month,

The votes handed in to the Select Men for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors are as follows, viz.)

Governor.

For Hon. Christopher Gore 161.
His Excellcy James Sullivan 91
Capt John Maynard 1

Lieut. Governor.

Hon. David Cobb 164
Hon. Levi Lincoln 87

Senators and Counsellors.

Hon.	Salem Town	156	Hon. Pliny Merrick 86
"	Elijah Brigham	157	" Edward Bangs 86
"	Thomas Hale	157	" Samuel Jones 86
"	Jonas Kendall	156	" Moses White 85
Old Mr	Elijah Wilder	3	

Voted and chose Samuel Ward Esquire Moderator

Voted to restrain neat Cattle horses Asses and Mules from going at large on the Common highways, as

The committee to whom the foregoing article in the March Meeting Warrant was committed report that having attended the service assigned them – they find the District destitute of a School house of any description and that embraces twelve families settled in ten Houses scattered over an extent of Country and upon the great Road leading from the old Common in Lancaster to Worcester of about three Miles – that they have expended by donations and subscriptions the sum of forty two Dollars and eight Cents for schooling the Children of the district and that the sum of thirty Dollars and Eight Cents which now remains unexpended out of the proportion allowed them by the Town for that purpose – and that the district are united in a Central spot to erect a suitable School House upon – Therefore the Committee are of the opinion that said district be allowed to appropriate the said sum of unexpended Money to repay so far as it will go for the Money they have thus advanced on condition they build the School house upon the said Central spot which they have designated for that purpose – which is respectfully submitted

Merrick Rice per Order

Lancaster
April 4. 1800.

Report of Com^e.
12
School District
Southwood
3

they were the last year. — — — 1808

Voted on the fourth article of the Warrant to commit the Subject thereof to Merrick Rice — April meeting proceedings Continued.

James Carter

Eli Stearns

who are to report at May meeting. —

Voted to pass over the 5th article, excepting that part which relates to the 8th article of the March meeting Warrant, the Committee to whom said article was referred, not being ready to report at this meeting. — — —

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on the sixth article of March meeting Warrant. See files

Voted to dismiss the Report of a Committee on the subject of Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer's Salary at his request. — — — See files. on Rev.d Mr Thayers Salary

Voted that Moses Sawyer and Abel Wilder be permitted to work out their Highway Taxes agreable to the spirit and meaning of the eighth article, of the Warrant. —

Voted on the ninth article to dismiss the same

Voted on the 10th Article to commit the subject matter thereof to a Committee of five and were accordingly chosen Jonathan Wilder

Benj.a Wyman

Edward Goodwin

Moses Smith Jr

John Prentiss

who are to report at the May meeting

Voted to adjourn to May meeting at 4° Clock P.M.

Sam.l Ward Mod.r

Attest J. Flagg Clk

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Adjournment of March Meeting

March meeting being opened the town proceeded to terminate the unfinished business thereof viz.

Voted and chose Joseph Harwell Constable

Voted and chose Thomas Ballard, Thomas Safford, Jacob Stone, Israel Haskell, Jacob Lincoln — Surveyors of Highways

Voted and chose John Goodwin Tythingman.

Monies. 2700 dollars.

Voted to Raise Two Thousand seven hundred dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the Town the current year.

Voted to appropriate for English & Latin School Seven hundred and twenty two dollars as it was the last year.

Appropriations.

For Latin School . . 245 dlls
For Singing School . . 50 "
Rev. Nath. Thayer's Salary 400 "

Votes for County Treasurer were called for.

Samuel Allen Esquire had 58.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on Select men's Accounts.

Account of expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 1st 1807 to March 7th 1808.

1808.

Prudential Accounts

For support of Poor viz:-		Assessing Taxes	54.53
James Dickinson	24.40	Center Road & Bridges	84.35
Calvin Phelps	7.75	Overseeing Poor	45-
Rebecca Fletcher	69.92	Sprague's Bridge	19.86
Jerusha Osgood	60.8	Bennetts Bridge	97.94
William Larkin	39.5	Latin G. School	226.9
Moses Dickinson	69.90	Abatement of Taxes	83.15
Sarah D'putron	25.67	Entertain^t of Town Officers & Committees	85.72
Lucy Dickinson	13.32		
Mercy Manning	50.6	Presetts Bridge	150
Lydia Knight	10-	Collecting Taxes	24.93
Jane Kendall	76.77	Militia Companies	43.88
Polly Wilder	54.32	Town pound	50
David Butler	38.88	English G. School	722
Samuel Dickinson	22.64	Rev^d N Thayer Salary	510-
Emily Willard	2.59		
Mary Phelps	3.17	Contingent expences	26.13
Timothy H. Curtiss	10.5	Singing School	25.27
Dolly Phelps	31.63	Perambulating town lines	5-
Sarah Brown	32.67	Record of Deaths & Births	4.24
Ichabod Johnson	3.83	Sawyers Bridge	150
Archibald McIntosh	106.16	Atherton's Bridge	71.44
William Flood	10.81	Doctering Poor	10-
Samuel Sargeant	70.6	Repairing hearse	1.33
Francis Davis	5.99	Small Bridges	58.63
Ruth Johnson	1.66	Meeting house	8.1
William Shearer	11.10	Whites Bridge	10.60
Lydia Mansfield	5.48	Quasipontken Bridge	2.50
Eben^r Sargant	4.39		2521.10
	$862.35		862.35
		Total	3383.45

March 7th 1808

Edmund Goodwin
Jonas Lane
Thomas Safford
} Select men of Lancaster

1808. Dr. The town of Lancaster in acco.

Select men's Acco. Continued.

1807	March 2	For ballance brought forward	255.16
	May 25	" Town orders p. Selectmen Rec.	665.18
	Octo 12	" Town orders p. Selectmen Rec.	492.45
	Dec 7	" Town order p. Selectmens Rec.	226.74
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	Jan. 14	" Town orders p. Selectmens Rec.	405.—
	March 12	" Town orders p. Selectmen Rec.	1271.33
		Also	66.
		Ballance in Collector Barlow's Hands	1643.11
			$5025.2

1808. Dr. The town of Lancaster.

Sundry outstanding Orders	966.82
Collectors Commission for 1806 & 1807	106.—
Abatement of Taxes	83.15
" Cash advanced by the Treasurer	291.38
" Ballance in favour of the Town	435.76
	$1883.11

with Eli Stearns Treasurer V.

1807 Mar 2 By ballance in Collector Farwell's hands 478.81
" ballance in Collector Carters hands 962.32
" Cash recd for Jonathan Wheelocks note 43.27
June 17 " Cash recd for Eph^m Beamans note 91.50
Aug 31 " Cash recd for Eph^m Brighams note 33.23
Sep 17 " Cash recd in ballance of J Sawyers note 37.34
" Assessments for year 1807 3008.22
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Jan 14 " ballance of Jacob Fishers note 3.27
" Order recd of Thomas Ballard for his wid^s Taxes 7.72
16 " Cash recd on Joseph Whites note 11.58
Mar 3 " Cash recd for Paul Whitings note 12.62
" Town orders received of Selectmen 38.64
" Ditto recd for Jonas Lanes note 5.10

$ 4733.64

" Ballance due Treasurer 291.38

$ 5025.02

Eli Stearns } Town Treasurer
Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin } Selectmen of
Thomas Sawyer } Lancaster.

V.

By Taxes uncollected . . . 1643.11
" Sundry notes supposed collectable 240.

$ 1883.11

March 7th 1808.

Jonas Lane
Edward Goodwin } Selectmen
Thomas Sawyer } of Lancaster

1808 March meeting in Continuation.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John Whiting Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Committee's Report on Select men's Accounts.

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You Committee appointed at March meeting to examine the Selectmen's accounts, have attended that Service, and report that the books are regularly kept, the accounts fairly stated and properly vouched.

Lancaster March 25th 1808.

Jonathan Wilder
David Stearns
John Prentiss
Com.ee

Constable Sworn.

April 4th 1808. Joseph Farwell was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Constable, and Collector for the Town of Lancaster as is prescribed by Law.

Before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Worcester ss April 6th 1808. Israel Haskell made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Highway Surveyor, April 9th Thomas Ballard made oath and on the 11th Jacob Lincoln made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the offices to which they have been respectively chosen before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Warrant for May meet 1808.

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster Greeting.—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for a Representative to the General Court & in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday the Second day of May next, at one o'Clock P.M. for the following Purposes viz:—

1st To give in their votes for some person or persons to represent them in the General Court the year ensuing.

2d To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs.

3d To hear the Report of the Committee on the fourth article of the April meeting Warrant.

4th To hear the report of the Committee on the tenth article of the April meeting Warrant.

5th To allow the inhabitants of the highway District on the east side of the neck, to appropriate one half the amount of their highway taxes the Current year, towards rebuilding the old Neck Bridge, under the direction of the Surveyor of said District, or act any thing relating thereto.

6th To direct the deficiency of the Fifty Dollars, voted by the Town to be worked out on Sparge hill last year to be worked out this year by the delinquent district agreable to the direction of the Selectmen last year, or act any thing thereon,

1808 May meet Warrant Continued

To See if the town will authorize their Select men, to make out a nomination list of the names of such persons as they shall think proper to fill all the offices where ballot is not required, and lay it before the town for their acceptance the year ensuing.

Given under our hands and Seal this eighteenth day of April A.D. 1808.

Jonas Lane
Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
} Select men of Lancaster

Notification

These are to notify and warn the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives, and in Town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the Purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Lancaster April 18th 1808.

Joseph Farwell } Constable of Lancaster

Return

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town affairs to meet at the time and place, and for the Purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs.

Lancaster May 2 1808 Joseph Farwell Constable of L

1808
May
meeting
Proceedings

At a meeting of the freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives, and in town affairs, duly assembled at the meeting house on Monday the second day of May, Anno Domini 1808.

Voted to send a Representative to the General Court. The votes being called for were handed in, and counted The whole number was 120 Eli Stearns having The whole number 120 was declared to be elected.

Two Representatives Chosen.

The town also voted to send to the General Court another Representative, The votes being called for were handed in to the Selectmen and were counted The whole number was One hundred and fourteen Jonas Lane having The whole number 114 was declared to be elected.

Voted and chose John Whiting Esquire Mod.

Voted on the third article to dismiss the Report of the Committee

On the 4th article of the Warrant Voted leave for the Committee to sit again and report their doings at some future meeting.

Voted on the 5th article That the amount of one half of the highway taxes set to the Inhabitants on the east side of the neck the present year be worked out on the Repairs of the neck Bridge agreable to the article in the Warrant excepting there from the Mess.rs Hildreths who are allowed to work out their Taxes on their Bridge

1808. under the direction of the Highway Surveyor.

May meeting Voted on the 6th article, that the Selectmen be directed to assign a portion of George hill highway district to the district on the west side of the Neck, and the surveyor thereof be ordered to work out thereon twelve Dollars.

Proceeding in Continuation.

Voted to pass over the Seventh article.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John Whiting Moser,

attr Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Adjournment of April meeting opened and proceeded on the 5th article of the Warrant, Voted to accept the Report of the Committee.

See files

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Samuel Ward Moser

attr Josiah Flagg town Clerk

May 4th 1808. Daniel Goss made oath that he would faithfully, and impartially discharge the duty of Sealer of Weights and Measures according to his best skill and judgment

Sealer of Weights & Sworn

Before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1808.

To Josiah Flagg Esq. Clerk of the town of Lancaster . . . . . Greeting.

a Warrant for Augt Meetg.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representative and in town affairs to meet at the meeting house in said town on Monday the fifteenth day of August instant at five of the Clock P.M. for the following Purposes. viz.

1st. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in town affairs.

2nd To regulate the Jury-boxes agreably to an act passed by the Genl. Court March 12th last past, or act any thing relative thereto.

3d. To hear the report of your Committee relative to the highways, burying ground and old meeting house place near Timothy Whiting Esqrs. or act any thing relative thereto. Given under our hands and seal, this first day of August A.D. 1808.

Moses Smith Jr. } Select men
Caleb Lincoln } of
Jonas Lane } Lancaster.

Notificaon.

Worcester ss. August 1st 1808. Pursuant to the above warrant, I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representative & in town affairs, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes above mentioned.

Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1808. Worcester ss Aug. 15th 1808. Pursuant to the within

August. warrant, I have notified and warned the free

Meet.g holders and other Inhabitants qualified to vote

for Representative and in town affairs to meet

Return. at the time and place, and for the purpose there

in mentioned by posting the same at the

meeting house as the Law directs.

Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representative and in town affairs, duly assembled at the meeting House in said town, on Monday the 15th day of August A.D. 1808 Proceeded to act on the following articles. viz.)

Proceedings Voted and chose William Stedman Esq. Mod.r

Voted to commit the lists of Persons qualified to serve as Jurors exhibited by the Selectmen, to a Committee of five for revision or alteration as they may judge proper. And for such purpose

Regulation of Jurors. Voted and chose Jonathan Wilder
Eli Stearns
John Prentiss
Jacob Fisher
Timothy Whiting
Com.ee

after the lists were Read which was

Voted to accept the report of the Com.ee that they were satisfied with the lists of Jurors as they were selected by the Selectmen.

Voted on the 3d Article to give leave to the

Committee to report at the next meeting of the first Monday of November. 1808. Augt 15.

2 Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Wm Stedman Modr.

Attr Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Josiah Flagg Esq. Clerk of the town of Lancaster ----- Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representative and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town on Saturday the third day of September next at 2° Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in town Affairs.

2nd To Petition the President of the United States to suspend, in whole, or part the operation of the embargo Laws agreeably to the Power vested in him by Congress, or act any thing relative thereto.

Given under our hands and Seal, this twentieth day of August A.D. 1808.

Jonas Lane
Moses Smith Jr. } Select men of
Caleb Lincoln } Lancaster.

Warrant for Sept 3d Meeting

Worcester ss. Aug 20. 1808. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified as above mentioned to meet at the time & place & for the purposes above specified

Attr Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1808. Sept 3 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representative & in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned therein by posting the same at the Meeting house as the law directs.

Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Proceedings of Meeting for Petitioning President, on Embargo Grievances

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representative, and in town affairs, assembled at the meeting house on Saturday the third day of Sept.r A.D. 1808 Pursuant to the warrant and Notification at 2° Clock P.M. the town proceeded as the business thereof

Voted and chose Sam.l Ward Esq.r Mod.r

Voted to Petition the President.

Voted and chose a Committee of three to draft a Petition to the President of the United States, and were chosen for said Purpose

Major Hiller

William Stedman Esquires

& Samuel Ward, who adjourned to half past 4.° Clock, the Committee then presented a Petition for the towns acceptance, and after the subject was freely discussed, the Town voted that the said Petition should

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be signed by the Selectmen, and attested by the town Clerk, and sent on to the President of the United States. — — See the files. —

Voted to dissolve this meeting. — —

Saml Ward Modr

Attr Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Perambulation of Shirley line.

We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the Towns of Lancaster and Shirley this 18th day of Octo. A.D. 1808. —

John Egerton
Nathl Livermore } Selectmen of Shirley. —

Jonas Lane
Caleb Lincoln } Selectmen of Lancaster.

A true Copy attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk —

Lunenburge Line. —

We the subscribers hereby certify that we have perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the towns of Lancaster and Lunenburge this 18th day of October A.D. 1808.

Josiah Stearns
Z. B. Adams } Selectmen of Lunenburge

Jonas Lane
Caleb Lincoln } Selectmen of Lancaster

A true Copy attr Josiah Flagg town Clerk

1808.

Harvard line Run.

We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have perambulated the lines & renewed the bounds between the towns of Lancaster & Harvard this 18th day of October A.D. 1808.

Jon^{a} Sawyer, James Whitney (Select men of Harvard.)

Jonas Lane, Caleb Lincoln (Select men of Lancaster)

A true Copy Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Sterling Line Run.

We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have Perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds between the towns of Lancaster and Sterling this 28th day of October A.D. 1808.

Harrison Wilder, Moses Thomas (Select men of Sterling.)

Jonas Lane, Caleb Lincoln (Select men of Lancaster)

A true Copy attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Berlin Line Run.

We the Subscribers hereby certify that we have Perambulated the lines between the town of Lancaster, and the District of Berlin this 22^{d} day of October A. D. 1808.

Amos Johnson, Silas Houghton (Select men of Berlin)

by appointment of Select men Caleb Lincoln, Benj^{a} Wyman (Select men of Lancaster)

A true Copy attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1808.

Boylstone line Run.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the town of Lancaster and Boylstone have this day perambulated the line between the said towns, and renewed the bounds as the law directs viz. — Beginning at a white Oak & Stones at the south west corner of said Lancaster, and south east corner of Sterling on Boylstone north line thence running E 11" N. 1/4 Mile and 20 Rods to a white oak tree on the east bank of the River, and said to be the land mark between Stephen Wilder and Jonathan Hastings. Thence E 27/4" S. 1 Mile and 68 Rods to a stake and stones on Peter Larkin's Westerly line in the Meadow. — Boylstone Octo 21 1808. —

James Longley } Select men of
Aaron White } Boylstone

Caleb Lincoln } Select men of
By appointment of the select men } Benjamin Wyman } Lancaster

A true Copy Attr. J Flagg town Clerk

1808. Nov 7th

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting:

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster legally qualified to vote for Representative and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of November next at 1 Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

Warrant for Choosing Representative to Congress.

1st To give in their votes for a person to represent the Worcester North District in the Congress of the United States.

2nd To Choose a moderator to govern the meeting in Town Affairs.

3d To hear the report of your Committee appointed on the 10th article of the April meeting warrant last, or act any thing relative thereto.

4th To give instructions to their Agent relative to opening the laying out a road from Shirley line to Lancaster Meeting house, or act any thing relative thereto.

5th To Authorize some person or persons to purchase the house & land where James Clark lives for his improvement, or act any thing relative thereto.

Given under our hands and Seal this twenty fourth day of October A. D. 1808.

Jonas Lane
Caleb Lincoln
Moses Smith Jr.
} Select men of Lancaster.

1808 Nov. Warrant Contin.d

These are to notify and warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representative & in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place, & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.
Lancaster Octo 24th 1808. Joseph Farwell Constable

Notification.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have Notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representative and in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the Purposes within mentioned by posting the Same at the meeting house as the Law directs.
Lancaster November 7th 1808.

Joseph Farwell Constable

Return.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representative and in town affairs assembled at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of November, A. D. 1808, at 1° Clock P. M.

Proceedings of Nov. meeting

1808
Nov 7th
Proceedings of the Meeting

The votes handed in to the Selectmen were counted and sorted, and the declaration thereof made as follows viz—

Votes for Rep. to Congress.

For. Hon. William Stedman Esq. One hundred and twenty four.
For Moses White Esq Fifty four,
" Abijah Bigelow One.

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Sanc. Mod.

See files.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the tenth Article in the Warrant of April last: And voted to raise a Committee of Three to carry into Effect the same report as far as is practicable: And were Chosen for said purpose

Leonard Farwell
Eli Stearns
John Prentiss.

Committee

who are to report at the next meeting.

On the 4th Article voted, That the Selectmen make such accomodation with the Petitioners for laying out a Road from Shirley line to Lancaster Meeting house, as will best promote the interests of the

town, in consequence thereof all opposition to said Road will cease. — — 1808, Nov: Meeting.

Voted to dismiss the fifth article. — —

Voted to dissolve this meeting. — —

Jonas Lane Modr

Attt Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

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(109) Worcester Ss. To Thomas Pennett Jun of Lancaster Gentleman, and a sufficient freeholder in said town — — Greeting 1809 Feb 1.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required forthwith to notify, and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town affairs, either by personal notice, or by leaving a written notification at their dwelling houses or usual places of abode, to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the first day of February next, at twelve o'Clock at noon to act on the following Articles, viz, Meeting, on Embargo Measures. —

1. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in Town affairs. — — —

2d To take into Consideration the alarming situation of our Public Affairs, & to Petition or address the Legislature of this State on the subject of our grievances, or to do & transact any matter & things relative thereto, which the town may deem expedient & necessary. Given under our hands & seal this 28th day of January A.D. 1809.

Moses Smith Jun (Select men
Caleb Lincoln (Lancaster

1809.

Meeting Feb 1st

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town Affairs, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. Thomas Bennett Junr Constable.

Proceedings of Meeting Feb 1st 1809

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in Town Affairs assembled at the Meetinghouse in said town on Wednesday the first day of February A. D. 1809.

Voted and chose Capt John Maynard Modr

Voted to Commit the subject matter of the second article in the Warrant to a Committee of five.

Voted and chose Major Josiah Willard
Mr Moses Smith Jr
" Jonathan Wilder
" Samuel Ward
" John Thurston
Comtee

Voted to adjourn to three o'Clock afternoon the Comtee are to Report.

Report on file

After discussion the Town voted to accept the Report of their Committee, and that a Copy thereof be signed by the Selectmen, and attested by the town Clerk and be sent to the General Court.

Voted to dissolve this meeting. John Maynard Modr

1809.
Warrant for March Meeting.

Worcester ss. To Joseph Fanwell Constable of the town of Lancaster - - - Greeting.

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town, on Monday the sixth day of March next, at one o'Clock P.M. to act on the following Articles viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in town affairs.

2nd To choose town Officers for the year ensuing.

3d To raise Money to defray the necessary expence of the town the Current Year, and appropriate the same.

4th To give in their votes for County Treasurer.

5th To Consider the expediency of building a Work house, or act any thing relating thereto.

6th To adopt some method by which School district No. five may draw their proportion of Money agreeably to taxation, or act any thing relating to the apportionment of School Money among the several Districts.

7th To adopt some uniform plan to building small bridges and Sluice ways, or act anything relating thereto. —

1809. March Meeting & Warrant Contin.

8th To afford relief to William Bridge, or act anything relating thereto.

Given under our hands and Seal this twentieth day of February A.D. 1809.

Moses Smith Jr. } Selectmen of Lancaster
Caleb Lincoln }

Worcester ss. Feb. 20th 1809. Pursuant to the aforegoing warrant, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster are hereby notified and warned to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes above mentioned. Joseph Farwell } Constable of Lancaster.

Notification.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representative and in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs.

Lancaster March 6th 1809. Joseph Farwell } Constable.

Return.

True Copies attest

Josiah Hagg town Clerk

1809.

March Meeting Proceedings

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs Assembled at the meeting house in pursuance of the Warrant and Notification on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1809.

Voted and chose Capt. John Maynard Mod.r

After Prayers by the Rev.d Mr. Thayer. the list of Voters was read, also the Prudential accounts as exhibited by the Selectmen,

Voted that the examination of said accounts be committed to Major Fuller
John Prentiss
Josiah Flagg

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Voted and chose Eli Stearns Treasurer.

Voted and chose Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard
Selectmen.

Voted and chose Benjamin Wyman
Jacob Fisher
Edward Goodwin
Assessors.

Voted and chose thirteen Surveyors of Highways, viz.

Jonas Whitney — Thomas W. Lyon.
John Townsend — Joel Wilder.
Ebenezer Wilder — Joseph Farwell
Josiah Bowers — John Maynard.
Edward Robbins — John Hawks Jr.
Richard Haven — Martin Stevenson
Israel Butler.

1809. Proceedings of March meeting Contin.

Voted and chose Major Joseph Hiller, Jacob Fisher, Josiah Bridge } Committee to Hire the Latin Grammar School Master

Voted and chose a Committee to visit the Schools Consisting of Rev. Nathaniel Thayer, Messieurs Joseph Hiller, Samuel Ward, Joseph Wales, William Cleaveland, Titus Wilder Jr., Merrick Price, Moses Smith Jr., Solomon Carter, Jonas Fairbank, Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns.

Voted and chose four Field drivers viz. Oliver Baldwin, Nath[l] Whittemore Jr., Otis Hunt, Joseph Maynard.

Voted and chose Ephraim Emmerson, Sealer of Leather.

Voted and chose four fence viewers, viz. Thomas Bennett Jr., John Goodwin, John Wilder, Ephraim Whitney

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns Surveyors of Timber

Voted and chose four Hogreeves viz. John Ballard, Silas Thurston, Freeborn Stearns, Eliphas Ballard.

Voted and chose Asahel Tower and Daniel Laughton Tythingmen

Voted and chose the following persons to take care of the River Bridges. viz. Daniel Goss Jr., Jonathan Wilder, John Maynard, Thomas Bennett Jr., Abner Pollard, Jeremiah Dyer, Selectmen

1809.
March
Meeting
Proceedings
Contin.

Voted and chose three Cullers of Staves viz.
Abijah White, John Dollison, John Hawks Jr.
Voted and chose Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper
Voted and chose four fish wardens viz.
Benjamin Houghton Ebenezer Haven
Thomas W Lyon Thomas Bennett Jr.
Voted and chose Jonathan Wilder
Solomon Carter
Edward Goodwin
} Committee to Superintend Singing.

Voted to pass over the 3d Article, and Consider it at Adjourn.
Voted to put over the 4th Article to adjournment.
Voted to Commit the subject of the 5th article of the warrant to a Committee of Seven, and were chosen
Eli Stearns John Hosley
John Prentiss Joseph Farwell
John Maynard Jacob Fisher
Daniel Harris.
} Committee

Voted to pass over the 6th article and Consider it at the adjournment.
Voted to Commit the subject matter of the 7th article in the warrant to John Maynard
Jonas Fairbanks
John Thurston
John Prentiss
Joseph Leach
} Committee.

* Voted that Moses Smith Jun Attorney for the town, in opposing the petitioners for a Road at the north part of the town be dismissed from his agency, as further opposition is considered not for the town's interest.
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at 3 o'Clock P.M.
Attest Josiah Flag, town Clerk. Jno Maynard Modr.

* On the 8th Article of March meeting warrant, Voted to commit the subject matter thereof to the Consideration of a Committee of five, to report at this meeting, and were chosen, Jonas Lane, Moses Smith Jr. Caleb Lincoln, Israel Atherton and Edward Goodwin, who reported: which Report was accepted, and the Selectmen ordered to furnish the medicine. — said Report is on file. —

1809. March 6. Selectmen Sworn.

Worcester ss. March 6th 1809. Then Moses Smith Jr. Caleb Lincoln and Jeremiah Ballard Selectmen of the town of Lancaster the current year made Oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their Office, respecting all elections, and the returns thereof.

Before Josiah Flagg Just. Peace.

Town Clerk Sworn.

Worcester ss. March 1809. Josiah Flagg town Clerk of the town of Lancaster the current year made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his said Office the term aforesaid, and until another is chosen & sworn in his room. Lancaster March 28th 1809

Before Nathl Ward Justice of the Peace

Worcester ss March 30th 1809. Benjamin Wyman one of the Assessors for the town of Lancaster for the year ensuing made oath that he would proceed equally and impartially, according to his best skill and judgment in assessing and apportioning all such rates and taxes as he may according to law be directed to assess and apportion during that time.

Before Josiah Flagg Just. Peace

1809.

Town Officers Sworn.

Worcester March 16th 1809. Personally appeared on the sixth day of March instant and between that time and the date hereof, Eli Stearns Treasurer, Jonas Whitney, Thomas W. Lyon, John Townshend, Joel Wilder, Ebenezer Wilder, Joseph Farwell, Josiah Bowers, John Maynard, Edward Robbins, John Hawks Jun. Richard Haven, Surveyors of Highways. Oliver Baldwin, Nathaniel Whittemore Jun. Otis Hunt, Joseph Maynard, Field drivers. Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns Surveyors of Lumber. Abijah White, John Allison, John Hawks Jun Surveyors of Staves. Jacob Fisher, Edward Goodwin, Assessors. Asahel Bowen Daniel Laughton, Tything Men. Ephraim Emerson, Sealer of Leather. John Ballard, Silas Thurston, Freeborn Stearns, Eliphas Ballard Hog-reeves. Jacob Sweetser Pound keeper. Benjamin Houghton Ebenezer Haven, Thomas W. Lyon, Thomas Bennett Jun. Fishwardens. Thomas Bennett Jun. John Goodwin, John Wilder, Ephraim Whitney, Fence Viewers.

Before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. April 3. 1809. Israel Butler and James Carter appeared and took the oath of Office for Highway Surveyors. before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

And on the 7th of April A. D. 1809. appeared John Carter Jun. and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the Office of Highway Surveyor, for the ensuing year. Before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1809. Worcester ss. To Joseph Harwell Constable of the
May town of Lancaster. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governour, Senators and Representatives and in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday the third day of April next, at One Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz.

April Meeting Warrant.

1st To give in their votes for Governour Lieut. Governour, Senators and Counsellors for the Year ensuing.

2nd To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in Town Affairs.

3d To restrain neat Cattle, horses Asses & Mules from going at large on the Common or high ways for the Year ensuing.

4th To hear the Report of the Committee on the fifth article of the March meeting Warrant.

5th To hear the Report of the Committee on the Seventh Article of the March meeting Warrant.

6th To permit Moses Sawyer and Abel Wilder to work out their highway Taxes on the Road between their Mills and the Corner by Mr. Thurston's

under the directions of the highway surveyors and any thing relating thereto. 1809.

Given under our hands and seal this 18th day of March A.D. 1809.

Moses Smith Jr
Jeremiah Bullard
Caleb Lincoln
Selectmen of Lancaster

April Meeting Warrant Continued

This is to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town Affairs to meet at the time & place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Lancaster March 18. 1809

Notification.

Joseph Farwell
Constable of Lancaster

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to vote for Governour, Lieut Governour and Senators as the Constitution provides, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs.

Return.

Lancaster April 3d 1809.

Joseph Farwell Constable of Lancaster

1809.

April Meeting Proceedings

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified to vote for Governour and Lieutenant Governour, holden on the third day of April, being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord eighteen Hundred and nine, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governour Lieut. Governour Senators and Counsellors of said Commonwealth: — Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and record and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, viz.

Governour.		Lieut. Governour.	
For Hon. Christopher Gore	198.	Hon. David Cobb	196.
" " Levi Lincoln	97	" Joseph B. Varnum	97.
" " David Cobb.	1		

Senators and Counsellors.

" Elijah Brigham	193	Pliny Merrick	98
" Thomas Hale	193	Edward Bangs	98
" Salem Town	192	Samuel Jones	98
" Jonas Kendall	193	Moses White	98

Esquires.

Capt Samuel Scott 1.

Voted and chose Capt. John Maynard Mod.r

Voted to restrain (the current year) Neat Cattle Horses Mules and Asses excepting such Milch Cows as the Selectmen shall give a certificate to go at large on the Common or highways the owner of such Cows being responsible for all damages.

Proceedings of April meeting.

Voted to accept the report of a committee raised to consider the expediency of the Subject matter of the 5th Article of the Warrant for March meeting.

Voted to recommit for revision the Report of a Committee for carrying into effect the Subject matter of the 7th article of March Warrant.

Voted to permit Messieurs Moses Sawyer and Abel Wilder, to work out their highway taxes on the road between their Mills and the Corner by Mr Thurston's under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John Maynard Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk.

March meeting adjournment opened, and the votes for County Treasurer being call'd for and counted, & declaration made

Samuel Allen Esq. had 61.

Voted to excuse Capt. John Maynard from being Surveyor of Highways, and chose Dr James Carter in his room.

1809. April Meeting. Voted to excuse Martin Stevenson from serving as Highway Surveyor, and chose in his stead John Carter Jun. — — — — — —

Proceedings Continued. Voted to put over the raising Monies to the adjournment of this meeting. — — —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 4° Clock P.M. —

John Maynard Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 1.st 1808, to Mar.s 1809.

Prudential Accounts. For Support of Poor. —

		$	
Viz.	James Dickinson	7.4	
"	Nathaniel White	65.–	
"	Rebecca Fletcher	76.4	
"	Jerusha Osgood	86.37	
"	William Larkin	24.10	
"	Moses Dickinson & Wife	49.92	
"	Lucy Dickinson	9.29	
"	Marcy Manning	45.69	
"	Lydia Knight	10.–	373.45
"	Jane Kendall	44.20	
"	Polly Wilder	10.40	
"	David Butler	20.73	
"	Betty Brown	15.11	
"	Samuel Dickinson	11.83	
"	Emily Willard	13.92	
"	Mary Phelps	2.–	
"	Timothy H Curtiss	11.55	129.74
	Car.d up.		$ 503.19

To amount Brought up		$503.19
Dolly Phelps	19.60	
Sarah Brown	18.74	
Archibald McIntosh and wife	73.19	
William Flood	17.77	
Francis Davis	7.15	
Ruth Johnson	7.25	
Willm. Sherrer and Wife and Lydia Mansfield	119.5	
Lydia Mansfield	40.67	
Ebenezer Largant	1.20	304.62
Sarah Deputron	27.48	
Jonathan Osgood deceased	27.54	
Micah Simmons	40.13	
Stephen Dickinson	24.23	
Amos Sawyer 2nd	27.17	
Rebecca Fletcher 2nd	5.44	
Stephen Cleverly	10.27	
James Clark	5.63	
Otis Wilder	2.25	
Comfort Low	3.50	
Lois Haskell	6.	
Doctoring the Poor	67.40	
Overseeing Poor	45.—	292.04
		$1099.85

Amount Carried over.

1809. April Proceedgs. Prudential Continued

The expence of Supporting the Poor for the Year 1808.

1809. April. Prudential Accounts for the Year 1808. Continued

To amount brought forward			£ 1099,83
" Collectors Commissions		107.14	
" Militia Companies		10.50	
" taking Care of meeting house		2.25	
" Rev. Nathaniel Thayer's Salary		100	
" Contingencies		37.53	
" Recording Births and Deaths		5.20	
" Guide Posts		95	
" Warning town Officers & town meeting		8.15	601,72
" Assessing Taxes		68.16	
" Abatement of Taxes		85.30	
" Entertainment of Town Officers Hon.ers		39.3	
" Shirley Road		23.21	
" English Grammar School		722.	
" Latin Grammar School		266.23	
" Singing School		31.83	
" Perambulating town Lines		19.19	1255.01

Bridges.

" Quasiponiken	Bridge	5.25	
" Whites	Do.	7.25	
" Albertons	Do.	22.00	
" Centre	Do.	2.00	
" Spragues	Do.	32.50	
" Bennetts	Do.	18.50	
" Small Bridges		35.92	124.62
" Centre Burying Ground			2.50
			£ 3083.70

Jonas Lane
Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Lancaster March C.th 1809.

The Committee appointed by the town to examine the Select men's Accounts and the Treasurers account, find them all to be correct, and in their opinion, they are deserving the thanks of the town for their services. —

Lancaster March 20th 1809.

Joseph Hiller
Josiah Flagg
John Prentiss

The town voted to accept this Report. —

D.S. The town of Lancaster in acct with Eli Stearns town treasurer Cr.

1808.			1808		
Mar. 7	To ballance last settled from last Year	291.38	May	By ballance in Collectors hands	1643.11
Apr. 12	" Town orders per Selectmens Rect.	459.93	May 2	" Cash rec. in part for Jones Farm note	90 —
Aug. 1	" Town orders per Selectmens Rect.	165.23	"	" Cash rec. by Capt. Joseph White note	40.00
Oct. 3	" Town orders per Selectmens Rect.	88.23	June 8	" Assessments for the present Year	707.59
1809					
Jan. 2	" Town orders per Selectmens Rect.	603.49	July 2	" Cash rec'd of Jones Lane &	
16	" Nathaniel Eatons Note	2.19	1809	Malden debt for Farm Lease	70 —
Mar. 6	" Town Orders per Selectmens Rect.	356.72	Jan. 2	" Cash in part on Phelps note	18.10
"	" Town Orders per Selectmens Rect.	698.25	"	" Cash for Hastie & Pattick note	18.87
"	By Ballance in Collectors Farwell hands	1537.3	"	" Cash for Jn° Carter 3 Note	43.47
			"	" Ballt due Treasurer	70.91
		£ 4702.45			£ 4702.45

Eli Stearns Town Treasurer

D.S. The town of Lancaster. Cr.

To Sundry outstanding Orders	1164.54	By Taxes uncollected	1537.3
" Collectors Commissions 1808.	66.50	" Sundry notes not collected (supposed to be)	778.99
" Abatement of Taxes	85.35		
" Ballance due Treasurer	70.91		
" Ballance in favour of the Town	228.45		
	£ 1615.82		£ 1615.82

March 6. 1809. Jonas Lane, Moses Smith Jr., Caleb Lincoln } Select men of Lancaster.

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk.

1809. Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives to the General Court and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the first day of May next, at one o'Clock P.M. for the following Purposes, viz.

Warrant for May Meeting

1st. To give in their votes for some person or persons to represent them in the General Court the ensuing Year.

2d. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in town Affairs.

3d. To choose a Committee or Committees, to pursue and detect Horse Stealers and Thieves of every description, or act any thing relating thereto.

4th. To permit Salmon Willard, Luther Lyon and Moses Barrett, to work out their Highway taxes, on the private way leading by their houses, or act any thing thereto relating.

5th. To direct the Sargant place so called to be decided to Patience Sargant or act any thing thereto relating.

6th. To permit the highway district on the east

side of the Neck to work out their highway Taxes in rebuilding the old neck Bridge, or act any thing relative thereto. — — — — —

1809. May 1.

7th To hear the Report of their Committee on the seventh article of the March meeting Warrant or act any thing relating thereto. — —

Warrant.

8th To direct the building some sluice ways on the Road between Jeremiah Syers, and Whites Bridge, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — — — —

9th To hear the Report of their Committee appointed to settle and establish the bounds of the burying grounds on the old common, and the bounds and width of the Road leading from Esq. Whitings over Frog Hole so called, or act any thing relating thereto. — — —

Given under our hands and seal this seventeenth day of April A. D. 1809.

Moses Smith Jun
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard
} Select-men of Lancaster

Worcester ss April 17th 1809. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town affairs, are hereby notified and warned to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Joseph Farwell, Constable of Lancaster

Notification

Worcester ss. May 1 1809. Pursuant to the within Warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the Meeting house as the law directs. Joseph Farwell, Constable of Lancaster

Return.

1809 May. Meeting & Proceed.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town Affairs, duly assembled at the meeting house on Monday the first day of May, anno Domini 1809. — — —

The Selectmen Presiding. —

Voted that the town be represented in the General Court, the ensuing Year. —

The Selectmen then called for the votes for a person to serve as a Representative, after the same had been counted and sorted, the whole number being ..... 115 was declared by the Selectmen and that Eli Stearns Esquire had the whole and was accordingly elected. — — The town also

Two Representatives Chosen.

Voted to elect another person, for the same purpose. The votes being called for as aforesaid Counted and sorted, and declaration thereof being made, the whole number was 126. Jonas Lane Esquire had the whole, and was accordingly elected. —

Voted and chose Capt John Maynard, Mod.r

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee who are to appoint such number of persons as they may deem necessary, to pursue Horse Stealers and Thieves of every description.

Voted to permit Salmon Willard, Luther Lyon and Moses Barrett, to work out their high

way taxes, on the private way leading by their houses, this present Year, under the direction of the Highway Surveyor of that district.

Voted that Patience Sargant have the Sargant place so called this year free of Rent and Taxes in consideration of her maintaining her aged mother and herself thereon; And the Selectmen are directed to enquire into their circumstances, and the reasonableness of the request of the said Patience, and report their opinion in the business at the next meeting.

Voted on the Sixth article, that after the necessary repairs made on the highways within the district east side of the neck, the Surveyor of said district is ordered to work out the residue of the Taxes in rebuilding the old neck bridge. Also that the Messieurs Hildreths are allowed to work out their Highway Taxes on their Road and Bridge under the direction of the Surveyor.

Voted on the seventh Article to commit the subject matter to the Selectmen said article originated in the 7th article of March meeting Warrant.

Voted on the 8th article to commit the subject thereof to a Committee of three who are directed to report thereon at the next meeting. and were chosen Lt. James Carter, Timothy Whiting 2d, Major Merrick Rice } Comee.

Voted to accept the Report of Committee raised to further investigate the subject matter of the 10th Article of April Meeting Warrant for the Year 1808. and that their said Report be rescinded.

1809. Voted that this be recorded.

May meeting Proceedings Continued.

Town of Lancaster May 1st 1809.

Report on Frog Hole Road & old Common Burying Field.

Your committee appointed in November last to carry into effect the report of a former committee respecting Frog Hole road and the old Common Burying field, have attended that service, and offer the following Report, Viz. That no original bounds could be ascertained for said Road, we have therefore established them by agreement with the Parties as follows viz. Beginning at a stake and Stones by the road, between the house and Barn of Timothy Whiting Esq: thence South 10¾ West 25 rods to a stake and stones, thence South 57½ West 12 Rods to a stake and stones, thence South 35 West 6 Rods to a stake and stones, thence South 23 West 8 Rods and 2 links to the east side of a Cherry Tree, laying the Road two and an half rods wide east of said lines. then beginning at a stake and stones on the east side of the Road opposite the Cherry Tree thence running South 28½ West 23 Rods and 20 links to a small white oak, thence South 15½ West 32 Rods and 19 links to a stake and stones, thence South 5½ West 15½ Rods to a white oak, thence South 2½ West 12 Rods to a stake and Stones, thence South 4 West 11 Rods and 19 links to the County road, which last described part is layed 2½ Rods wide west of said lines.

With respect to the Burying ground. Your Committee have been able to find the original bound, but taking the division of John Phelps's Estate for a guide, we find a number of Graves on land set off to one of the heirs of the said John, in consequence whereof we have agreed with

1809. May. Report Contin.

the Proprietors of the land adjoining to establish the bounds as follows viz. beginning at a stake and stones by the Road, thence North 49 East 12 Rods and 11 links to a stake and stones, thence North 53 West 12 Rods and 16 links to a stake and stones by Thomas Saffords land, thence by said Saffords land to the Road thirteen rods to the first mentioned Bounds —

Leonard Farwell
Eli Stearns
John Prentiss

And we the subscribers Proprietors of lands adjoining, agree to all the above described bounds. — Timothy Whiting
Thomas Safford

At the meeting aforesaid, and in the presence of the town and by its Order, the Clerk added the following at the bottom of said Report. Old Common Burying Ground.

NB. It is understood that the fence of the Burying Ground, be placed on the reported line of the said Burying Ground, at the expence of the Town.

It was also voted, that the said Original Report together with the Plans of said Road & Burying Field, should be filed in the town Clerks Office.

Attest Josiah Flagg town clerk.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest J. Flagg, Clr. — Josiah Maynard Moder

1809. May Meeting Proceedings

An adjournment of March meeting.

Voted and chose Joseph Farwell Constable, who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of that office, and that of Collector of Taxes for the year ensuing. Before Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Voted to raise Three thousand five hundred dollars, to defray the expences of the Town the Current Year, and Appropriated the same as the objects require in the Select men's estimate Viz:

Monies 3500 dlls

For Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer's Salary	400
" English Grammar Schools	722
" Latin Grammar School	275
" Singing School	50
" Support of Poor and contingent Expences	1453
" Support of Bridges	600
	$ 3500

Highway Monies. 800 dlls

Voted to raise eight Hundred dollars to be laid out and expended on the highways, after the usual manner, and prices of labour and utensils, for such purpose.

Voted to dissolve this meeting — Also April meeting.

John Maynard Modr.

Attr Josiah Flagg Town Clerk of Lancaster.

1809.
Sealer of Weights and Measures Oath.

Worcester ss. June 7th 1809. Calvin Wilder made Oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of Sealer of Weights and Measures, for the town of Lancaster the ensuing year according to his best skill and judgment.

Before me Josiah Flagg } town Clerk.

Warrant for a Meeting Augt 28th.

Worcester ss To Josiah Flagg Esq. Clerk of the town of Lancaster. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the twenty eighth instant at three o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles. viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2d To rebuild and choose a Committee to superintend the rebuilding the Center Bridge and Bennetts Bridge, or act any thing relating thereto.

3d To hear the Report of the Committee chosen at May meeting last, to view and report as to the Causeway near Whitos Bridge and act any thereto relating.

Given under our hands and seal this fourteenth day of August A.D. 1809. Moses Smith } Select-men
Caleb Lincoln } Lancaster.

1809 Worcester ss. The freeholders and other inhabitants
Aug. 28th. of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in
town affairs are hereby notified and warned
3 to assemble at the time and place, and for
Notification. the purposes, mentioned in the foregoing
" warrant.

Lancaster Aug.t 14 1809.

Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Return. Aug.t 28th 1809. Agreeable to the within Command
" I have notified and warned the freeholders
and other inhabitants by posting this Warrant
at the meeting house as the law directs.

Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Proceed.s of Aug. Meet.g At a meeting of the freeholders and
other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster
Assembled in pursuance of the Warrant
and Notification held on Monday the
28th day of August A.D. 1809.

Voted and chose Capt. John Maynard Mod.r

Voted and chose a Committee of Nine to ex-
amine the Center Bridge and Bennetts
Bridge.

Voted and chose Jonas Fairbanks, John Carter,
Jacob Fisher, Jonas Lane,
Eli Stearns, John Maynard,
John Thurston, Moses Smith Jr.
Joseph Heller,

for said

Committee who are requested to forthwith examine the said Bridges and report at this meeting the Repairs necessary to be made thereon.

1809. Aug. 28 Proceedings of Town Meeting.

The meeting adjourned to 3 Clock. when the Committee came in with their Report, for which see the Files.

Voted to accept the said Report.

Voted and chose a Committee of Three to carry the same into effect, and for said purpose were chosen

Eli Stearns
John Thurston
Abner Pollard
} for the Center Bridge.

Richard Haven
Jacob Fisher
John Maynard
} for the Bennetts Bridge.

Voted to accept the Report of a Committee on the subject of a Fence way near White's Bridge and that the Selectmen superintend the building thereof.

Report on Files.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John Maynard, Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1809.

Josiah Flagg Esq. Clerk of the town of Lancaster.

Lancaster Octo. 10th 1809.

We the subscribers hereby certify, that we have assessed on the Polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster for the Year 1809. the sums as follows viz.

Assessors Certificat of Assessments.

	Dolls.	Dolls.
Town Tax.	3100.0	
Surplus in making the same	65.64	3165.64
Minister Tax	400	
Surplus in making the same	5.70	405.70
State Tax.	536,66	
Surplus in making the same	14.92	551,58
County Tax	97.81	
Surplus in making the same	3.46	101,27
		# 4224.19

And we have committed lists thereof to Mr. Joseph Farwell Collector for said town for the year aforesaid, with warrants in due form to collect and pay in as follows viz. one half of the Minister Tax (viz. two hundred dollars) on or before the first day of September last past, and the other half together with the town tax, and all the surplus in making the Taxes, on or before the first day of March next unto Eli Stearns Treasurer of said Town or his successor in said office of Treasurer.

1809.

The State Tax to be paid into Josiah Dwight Esquire, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or to his Successor in said Office of Treasurer on or before the first day of April next. The County Tax unto Samuel Allen Esq. Treasurer of the County of Worcester or to his Successor in said office of Treasurer, on or before the thirty first day of December next

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Assessors Certificate of Assessmts

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"

Edward Goodwin
Benj. Wyman
Jacob Fisher
} Assessors of Lancaster.

A true copy attest Josiah Flagg } Town Clerk of Lancaster

Nov. 14th 1809.

Line run, Bolton, & Lancaster.

We the subscribers hereby certify that we have this day perambulated the lines, and renewed the bounds, between Lancaster and Bolton.

Stephen Nurse
Eleazar Houghton
} Select men of Bolton.

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Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard
} Select men of Lancaster.

Nov. 14th 1809.

A true copy Attest Josiah Flagg } Town Clerk.

1810.— March 5th meeting Warrant.

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster, Greeting:—

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town, on Monday the fifth day of March next, at One o'clock P. M. to act on the following Articles, viz

Seal.

1st. To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.

2d. To choose town Officers for the year ensuing.—

3d. To raise money to defray the necessary expenses of the town the current year, and appropriate the same

4th. To give in their votes for County Treasurer.

5th. To permit the highway district on the east side of the Neck to work out a part of their highway Taxes, in repairing the old neck bridge or act any thing relating thereto.

6th. To permit the people called Shakers to receive and appropriate to Schooling among themselves, such sums of money as are assessed upon them and their estates by this town for the support of Schools, or act any thing relating thereto.——

7th. To accept of a private way laid out for the use and Convenience of Samuel Jones, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — — — — — — — — —

8th. To discontinue the way leading from the House occupied by Mr. Thomas W. Lyon to the Mill, and permit Messieurs Poignand & Plant to appropriate the same to their use or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — —

9th. To abate the taxes set to Stephen Sargant,

in the year 1805. in Collector Farwell's hands to collect, or act any thing relating thereto. - - - - - - - -

10.th To see if the town will adopt measures for the equitable adjustment of the Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer's Salary, or act any thing relating thereto. - - - - -

Given under our Hands and seal this nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and Ten. - ———

Moses Smith Jr. } Selectmen of Lancaster
Caleb Lincoln }

Notification. —

Worcester ss. Feb.y 19.th 1810. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town affairs, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Joseph Farwell } Constable of Lancaster.

Return.

March 5.th 1810. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants as within directed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein set forth, by posting the same at the meeting House as the law directs. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

Joseph Farwell } Constable of Lancaster.

Entered and examined

Jr.r Josiah Flagg } Town Clerk of Lancaster.

1810.

March 5th Meeting & Proceedings

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs assembled in pursuance of the Warrant and and notification, this fifth day of March Eighteen Hundred and Ten. - - - - -

Voted and chose Capt. John Maynard Mod.r

A Prayer by the Rev.d Mr. Thayer. - - -

The list of voters being read and also the prudential accounts, after the Act against profane Cursing and Swearing,

Voted that the prudential accounts be committed to a committee of Three: and accordingly were chosen for such Purpose, Josiah Flagg
Jacob Fisher
Joseph Wales.

The town then proceeded in the choice of their Officers for the year ensuing, viz. - - -

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Voted and chose Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Voted and chose Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard } Selectmen.

Voted and chose Benj.a Wyman
Jacob Fisher
Edward Goodwin } Assessors.

Voted and chose

Jonas Whitney,	Robert Phelps.	Surveyors of Highways.
Thomas Howe.	Jeremiah Dyer.	
Edward Fuller.	Daniel Laughton.	
Samuel Ward.	Samuel Damon Jr.	
Moses Emerson.	Ephraim Carter.	
Nath.l Howe Jr.	Nathaniel Warner.	
	Joseph Nichols.	

1810. Proceedings March Meeting

Voted and chose Joseph Hiller, Moses Smith Jr., Moses Emerson — A Committee for hiring a Latin & School Master

Voted and chose Rev. Mr. Thayer, Messrs. Joseph Hiller, Saml. Wood, Merrick Rice, Wm. Blanchard, Moses Smith Jr., Wm. Cleaveland, Jacob Sweetser, Ebenezer Torrey, Eli Stearns, Richard Haven, Jona. Wilder — A Committee to Visit the Schools

Voted and chose Abel Rugg, Daniel Goss, Wm. Gould, Titus Wilder Jr. — Field-drivers

Voted and chose Jonas Lane — Sealer of Leather

Voted and chose Solomon Carter, Charles E. Knight, Caleb Lincoln, Abijah White — Fence Viewers

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns — Surveyors of Lumber

Voted and chose Jonas Lane, Benj. Farnsworth 2d, Nath. Whittemore Jr., Moses Emerson, Paul Willard, Eliphaz Ballard, Nath. Warner, Benj. Hawks, Joshua Thomas, Joseph Webb — Hog-reeves

Voted and chose John Goss, John Wilder — Fything Men

1810. Proceedings of March meeting Continued

Voted and chose the following persons to take care of the River Bridges viz.

For Spragues Bridge. Daniel Goss
" Bennetts " Jacob Fisher
" Center " Abner Collard
" Quasiponiken " John Maynard
" Atherton's " Jon.a Wilder
" White's " Jeremiah Dyer

Voted and chose Abijah White
John Collison
John Hawkins Jr. } Cullers of Staves

Voted by ballot and chose Benj.a Houghton
Thos. H. Lyon
Wm.s Bennett Jr.
Eben.r Haven } Wardens Fish.

Voted by ballot and chose Jacob Sweetser. Pound keeper.

Voted to pass over the 3d Article to April.
Ditto Do. " 4th Do. "
Ditto Do. " 5 Do. "

Voted to Commit the subject matter of the sixth article of the Warrant, to Eli Stearns
Jacob Fisher
Solomon Carter.

Voted to accept the Report of a Committee to accomodate Samuel Jones with a Road. for a description see Record book of Roads page 62.

Voted to commit the subject matter of the eighth article to Moses Smith Jr
Caleb Lincoln
Joseph Leach.

Voted to abate Stephen Sargants Taxes in Collector Farwell's list for 1805. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1810. March meeting Continued

Voted to Commit the Subject matter of the Ninth article of the Warrant, relative to Rev^d Mr Thayer's Salary, to a Committee of Thirteen, and for said purpose were chosen

Messieurs Saml Ward + Joseph Hiller -
Jacob Fisher Eli Stearns
Titus Wilder Jeremiah Ballard
Joel Wilder John Robbins
Thomas Safford + Calvin Wilder
Jonathan Wilder Jonas Lane
& Moses Emerson.

Rev^d Mr Thayer's Salary business

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at 4° Clock P.M.

John Maynard Mod^r

Att^r Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

March 5th 1810. Moses Smith Jr Caleb Lincoln and Jeremiah Ballard Select men of the town of Lancaster the current year, made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their Office as respects all elections and the returns thereof. Before Josiah Flagg Town Clk

Select Men's Oath.

March 5th 1810. Josiah Flagg town Clerk of Lancaster, made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of his said Office and until another is chosen and sworn in his Room.

Before Moses Smith Jr Jus. Pacis.

Town Clerk Sworn.

1810.

Worcester ss. March 15th 1810 Personally appeared on the fifth day of March instant and between that time and the date hereof Eli Stearns Treasurer, Benjamin Wyman, Jacob Fisher, Edward Goodwin Assessors, Jonas Whitney, Thos. Howe, Edward Fuller, Nathaniel Warner, Moses Emerson, Nathaniel Lowe jun, Jeremiah Dyer, Daniel Laughton Ephraim Carter Surveyors of Highways. Daniel Goss Field Driver.

Town Officers Sworn.

Jacob Fisher Eli Stearns Surveyors of Lumber Abijah White John Dollison Surveyors of Staves John Goss, John Wilder Tything Men. Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather. Jonas Lane Benjamin Farnsworth 2d. Nathaniel Whittemore Jr. Moses Emerson Paul Willard, Elizhar Ballard Nathaniel Warner Benjamin Hawks Joshua Thomas Joseph Webb Hogreeves. Benjamin Houghton 2d. Thomas W Lyon Thomas Bennett Jr. Ebenezer Haven Fishwardens Solomon Carter Charles E Knight, Caleb Lincoln. Abijah White Fence Viewers.

Before Josiah Flagg Just Peace.

were sworn the above named, to the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices

Personally appeared this 16th day of March 1810 Samuel Damon Jr Surveyor of highways and on the 17th instant John Hawks Jr Surveyor of Staves, and on the 19th Titus Wilder Jun Field Driver. On the 22d William Gould Field driver on the 28th Abel Rugg Field driver, on the 29th Joseph Nichols Surveyor of Highways. on the 31st Robert Phelps Surveyor of highways. on the 10th day April Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather and Hog-reeve. and Joseph Wilder Surveyor of Highways, were sworn to the discharge of their offices before Josiah Flagg Just Peace

To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting: - - - - - - - - 1810. April Warrant.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governour, Lieut. Governour, Counsellors and Senators, and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Meeting House, in said Town, on Monday the second day of April next at 1° Clock. P.M. to act on the following Articles, viz. (seal.)

1st To give in their votes for Governour, Lieut Governour, Counsellors and Senators.

2nd To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in Town affairs. - - -

3d To restrain Neat Cattle, Horses Asses, and Mules, from going at large on the Common or highways, the ensuing season, or act any thing relating thereto. - - - -

4. To hear the report of the Committee on the 6th article of the march meeting Warrant, and act any thing thereto relating. -

5th To hear the report of the Committee on the eighth article of the March meeting Warrant, and act any thing thereto relating. - -

6th To hear the report of the Committee on the tenth article of the March meeting Warrant, and act any thing relating thereto.

7th To permit Messieurs Elias Bennett, Ezekiel Knowlton and William Tombs, to work out their highway taxes, on the way from their Mills to the corner near Capt. Josiah Bowers's

1810. April 8th. To consider the propriety of petitioning the Court of Common pleas to obtain delay for making, or to discontinue the new road to Shirley and choose an Agent or Agents for that purpose or act any thing relating thereto.

Warrant Continued

9th. To choose three or more suitable Persons to superintend the innoculation of the Kine Pox, within the Town, agreeably to a late Law of this Commonwealth.

10th. To make provision for removing the Town Pound from Mr. Jacob Sweetser's land, to some other suitable place, or act any thing relating thereto.

11th. To conider the expediency of selling Ground enough to make two Pews fronting Mr. William Wilder's, and Major Hillers pews, or act any thing thereon.

Given under our hands and Seal this nineteenth day of March, Anno Domini. 1810.

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard.
} Select men of Lancaster

Notification

Worcester ss. March 19th 1810. The freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governour, Lieut Governour & in town affairs, are hereby notified to meet at the time & place, and for the Purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant. Joseph Farwell Constable of Lancaster

Return

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representative in town affairs to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs. Lancaster April 2d 1810. Joseph Farwell Constable of Lancaster

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester, qualified as the Constitution provides, to vote for Senators and Representatives duly warned and assembled on the first Monday in April A.D. 1810. being the second day of said month. — 1810. April meeting. Proceed. &c.

The Riot Act being read, and the list of Voters: The Selectmen then called on the electors for their votes, and accordingly were handed in as follow. viz. — — —

For Governour. whole number 281. For Lieut Governor.

His Excell.cy Christopher Gore Esq 194 His Honor David Cobb Esq 194

Hon. Eldbridge Gerry Esq 87 Hon. William Gray Esq 87

Votes for Governor &c.

For Counsellors and Senators. —

Hon. Elijah Brigham Esq 194. Pliny Merrick Esq 87

" Jonas Kendall " 194 Edward Bangs " 87

" Seth Hastings " 190 Moses White " 87

Francis Blake Esq 189 Samuel Jones 87

Hon. Salem Towne Esq 4.

" Thomas Hale " 4

Voted and chose Capt John Maynard Mod.r

Voted to restrain neat Cattle, horses, Asses and Mules from going at large on the Common or Highways the ensuing season except such milch Cows, whose owners have a privilege thereto by order of the Selectmen. — — — — — — — — —

Voted on the fourth Article to accept the Report of the Committee which is as follow viz.

Report on Schooling for Shakers.

"Your Committee under the sixth article in March meeting warrant, have attended the service assigned them by visiting the School kept by the people called Shakers, which we found in a regular progressive State. Heard the par

1810.

Proceedings of April meeting

parties relative to the foregoing article, and offer the following Report, viz. That so long as those people called Shakers, residing in Lancaster, shall have the number of five or more subjects of Schooling, and shall actually teach them in a regular manner, they shall be entitled to receive annually nine Dollars for their portion of School money. — And

Report on Schooling for Shakers.

Your Committee further report, that if the said sum of nine dollars, is taken from District No 1. That District will have at least as large a sum left in proportion to the Taxes they pay or the number of Schollars, as the other Districts in Town.

Lancaster April 2. 1810

Eli Stearns
Jacob Fisher
Solomon Carter
Comee

Voted to discontinue the road leading from the house occupied by Mr Thomas W. Lyon to the Mill agreably to a Report of a committee raised for such purpose, See files for Report and plan. — —

Voted on the seventh article, to permit Messieurs Elias Bennett, Ezekiel Knowlton and William Tombs, to work out their Highway Taxes on the way from their Mills to the Corner near Capt. Josiah Bowers. — — — Under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways of the District to which they belong. — — —

Voted on the 8th article to dismiss the same, as the Petitioners for the Road to which the said

Article refers.

Who were present, consented that no further progress be made thereon for one Year.

Voted on the ninth article to submit the important Consideration thereof to a Committee of Seven, and accordingly were chosen for said Purpose

Mess.rs Eli Stearns
Tim.o Whiting
Merrick Rice
Saml Ward
Israel Atherton
Calvin Carter
Paul Willard
} Comtee

Voted on the 10th article to refer the Same to the Selectmen.

Voted on the eleventh article to Commit the Subject thereof to a Committee of Three, and were chosen,

Jacob Fisher
Eli Stearns
Jonas Lane
} Comtee

April meeting adjourned to the first Monday in May next at 4 o Clock P.M.

Proceedings at the Adjournmt of March meeting; viz.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the last Year.

Voted to excuse Saml Ward Esqr from serving in the Office of Highway Surveyor.

1810. Proceedings of April Meet.g in Continuat.n

Voted and chose Joseph Wilder Surveyor of Highways in the room of Capt Sam.l Ward.

Voted to raise Twenty eight hundred dollars to defray the necessary expenses of the town the current Year, and the appropriation thereof as it was the last Year viz.

For Rev.d Nathaniel Thayers Salary	400
" English Grammar Schools	722
" Latin Grammar School	275
" Support of Poor, Bridges &c	1403
	$2800

Adjournment of March Meet.g

Monies 2800 dlls

Voted to raise eight hundred dollars to be laid out and expended on the public highways, after the usual manner, and prices of labour and Utensils for such purpose.

Highway monies 800 dlls.

Voted on the fifth article of the March meeting Warrant, That if necessary, a sum not exceeding one quarter part of the Taxes set to the Inhabitants of the Highway district on the east side of the necks, for highway purposes, be, and is hereby allowed to be worked out on the Old Neck bridge, under the direction of the Surveyor of said District. Also that the Mess.rs Hildreths, be allowed to work out the Taxes set to them in the Surveyors list, on their Road and Bridge so called, under the Surveyor's direction as aforesaid. —

Provision for Old Neck Bridge, & Messieurs Hildreths,

Voted to adjourn March meeting to the first Monday in May 4 o'Clock P.M. Jno Maynard Mod.r

1810.

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 1st 1809. to March 1st 1810.

Prudential Acco.s for 1809.

For support and relief of the poor viz.

James Dickinson	3.93		
Nathaniel White	34.67		
Rebecca Fletcher	61.25		
Jerusha Osgood	53.77		
William Larkin	20.24		
Moses Dickinson & Wife	59.48	233.34	
Lucy Dickinson	21.15		
Marcy Manning	39-		
Lydia Knight	10-		
Jane Kendall	54.48		
David Butler	56.96		
Betty Brown	14.89		
Samuel Dickinson	13.5	269.53	
Emily Willard	5.31		
Timothy H Cutler & Wife	33.67		
Dolly Phelps	2.91		
Joel Phelps	16.8		
Archibald M Intosh & wife	85.62		
William Flood	2.-		
Francis Davis	12.78		
Ruth Johnson	8.99	167.36	
William Shearer & Wife & Lydia Mansfield			90.51
Ebenezer Sargant & family	7.18		
Sarah Deputron	43.34		
Jonathan Osgood (deceased)	2		
Micah Simmons	34.22		
Stephen Dickinson	9.53		
Rebecca Fletcher 2nd	28.62		
Stephen Cleverly & family	45.90		
James Clarke	14.58	185.67	
Carried over			886.41

1810.
Proceedings of April Meeting in Continuation

Amount of expences of Poor brot over			886.41
Otis Wilder expence		16.75	
Lois Haskell "		11.88	
Eleazar Priest and wife		59.88	
Sarah Wright		84.25	
William Bridge and wife		51.40	
Augustus Grenville		34.77	
Doctoring the Poor		15.–	
Overseeing D°		45.3	318.93
			1205.34
Support of Ponniken Bridge	8.15		
Atherton Bridge	16.41		
" Spragues Bridge	79.40		
" Bennett's D°	96.99		
" Center D°	94.82		
" Small D°	82.61		378.38
" Latin Grammar School	423.50		
" English Grammar D°	722.		
" Singing School	61.53		1207.03
" Revd Nathl Thayer Salary	400 –		
Taking Care of the Meeting house	8.50		
Old Commonburying Ground	5.23		
Center Burying Ground	3.82		
Militia Companies & Town Stock	70.95		
Perambulating Town lines	3.49		
Shirley Road	2 –		
Stationary	3.70		
Guide Posts	7.25		
Weights & Measures	2.–		506.94
Carried Over			$ 3297.69

1810. Proceedgs of April meetg Contin.d

To amount brought forward . .		3297.69
" Assessing Taxes	62.25	
" Abatement Do	78.79	
" Collector's Commissions for the Years 1808 and 1809 .	172.18	
" Entertainment of Town Officers & Comrs.	69.9	
Contingent expences . . .	48.84	431.15
		$3728.84

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard.
} Select men of Lancaster.

Lancaster March 5th 1810.

Dr. The town of Lancaster in accot. with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer. Cr.

1809 Mar 6	To ballance of old accot. brought forward	70.91	1809 Mar 6	By ballance in Coll. Farwell's hands	1537.3
Ap 17	" Town orders pr Select men's Receipt	732.82	Ap 12	" Cash of Wyman for Cowdry Taxes	2.96
May 26	" Do Do Do Do	415.44	May 4	" Cash for Wales note .	27.84
Aug 7	" Do Do Do Do	455.98	June 16	" Cash for Fisher note .	16.58
1810 Jan 7	" Do Do Do Do	989.92	July 17	" Do for Bush note	18.76
Mar 1	" Do Do Do Do	2141.97	Aug 1	" Assessts for 1809 - -	3589.72
5	" Do Do Do Do	89.76	1810 Jan 23	" Cash on Abijah Phelps note	16.32
	" Ballance in Coll. Farwells hands	108. - -		" Cash of Town of Dorchester for Simmons Supt	74.35
		5004.80		" Cash of Town of Mendon for Support of E Sargent	4.39
	" Ballance due Town & in Treasury . . .	308.4		" Cash for Support of Com for 1 Son of Town of Sandford	3.50
			Mar 1.	Cash for Dollison's note .	8.18
			2.	Do for Jno Townshend Do -	1.49
			5.	Do for relief of Jno Osgood	11.72
		$5312.84			$5312.84

Eli Stearns, Town Treasurer

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard
} Select men.

1810. Dr The town of Lancaster. . . . . Cr

Proceeds at April meeting Prudential Accounts Contin.d

	$		$
To sundry outstanding Orders	69.97	By Taxes uncollected . .	108.
" ballance in favour of Town	435.9	" Sundry notes supposed to be collectable . . .	89.2
		" Cash in Treasurers hands	308.4
	$ 505.06		$ 505.6

Lancaster March 5th 1810.

Moses Smith Jr
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

Report of Committee on Prudential Accounts

Lancaster March 16th 1810. The Committee appointed by the town, to examine the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, have attended that service, and find them correct, and in the opinion of the Committee, they are deserving the thanks of the town for their Services.

Josiah Flagg
Jacob Fisher
Joseph Wales
} Committee.

Sealer of Weights & Measures Sworn.

May 7th 1810. Calvin Wilder made oath, that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties belonging to the office of Sealer of weights and Measures, for the Town of Lancaster the year ensuing according to his best skill and judgment.

Before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1810.

Warrant for May Meeting.

Seal

To Joseph Farwell, Constable of the town of Lancaster. ——— ——— ——— Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting house in said town, on Monday the seventh day of May next, at one of the Clock P.M. for the following Purposes viz.

1st. To give in their votes for some Person or Persons to Represent the town in the General Court the year ensuing. — — — — —

2do. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in Town Affairs. — — — — — —

3d. To hear the Report of the Committee on the ninth article of the April meeting warrant, and act any thing relating thereto. ———

4th. To hear the Report of the Committee on the tenth article of the April meeting warrant, and act anything thereto relating. ———

5th. To hear the Report of the Committee on the eleventh article of the April meeting Warrant, and act any thing thereon. — — —

6th. To permit Salmon Willard, Luther Lyon Reuben Barrett, Moses Barrett & William Willard to work out their highway Taxes, the ensuing Year, on the road leading from Luther Lyon's to Salmon Willard's, and act any thing thereon. —

7th. To hear the Report of the Committee on the fifth article of the May meeting warrant last, and act any thing thereto relating. ——— ———

1810. May Meeting Warrant Continued.

Given under our Hands and Seal this twenty third day of April A. D. 1810. —

Moses Smith Jr.
Jeremiah Ballard } Select men of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester ss. April 23d 1810. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives & in town Affairs are hereby notified to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. — Joseph Farwell Constable of Lancaster

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Return.

May 7th 1810. Agreable to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representative and in Town Affairs, to meet at the time & place, and for the Purposes therein mentioned, by posting the same at the Meeting house as the law directs. — — — — Joseph Farwell Constable

Entered and examined

Pr. Josiah Flagg town Clerk

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representative and in town affairs duly assembled on Monday the seventh day of May Eighteen Hundred and Ten. at 1. Clock P.M.

1810. May meeting Proceedings

Voted that the Town be represented in the General Court the Year ensuing.

The votes being called for by the Selectmen for a Representative, counted and sorted are as follow viz. whole number 178.

For Mr Eli Stearns -- 129.
" Timothy Whiting Esq. 49.

The Selectmen declare the choice of Mr. Eli Stearns for their Representative.

Voted that another Representative be sent to the General Court.

Two Representatives Chosen.

The votes being called for by the Selectmen were counted and sorted are as follow, viz.
whole number 130.

For Col Jonas Lane 129
" Samuel Wilder . 1

The Selectmen declare the choice of Col. Jonas Lane for their other Representative.

Town Affairs.

Voted and chose Capt John Maynard Moderator

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the utility of introducing the Kine Pox Innoculation, and chose a Committee to carry the same into Effect. Here follows said Report.

1810.

Procedt. of May meeting Contin.d

Report on Kine Pox Innoculation.—

The committee under the foregoing article have attended that Service and Report, that in our opinion it will be proper to choose a Committee of Five to superintend the Innoculation of the Cow Pox in this town, and we further recommend that the Committee give public notice when and where the Inhabitants shall assemble for the above Purpose. We also recommend that said Committee keep a Register of the names of all persons Innoculated, and distinguish such as do, and such as do not take effect— We also suggest that the several district School Houses will be proper places for the Innoculation. Eli Stearns p.r Order.

Lancaster May 7th 1810.

Voted and chose the following persons a Committee to carry the foregoing Report into effect viz

Messieurs Eli Stearns
Moses Emerson
Merrick Rice
John Maynard
Joseph Fanwell.

Voted on the fourth article to accept the Report of the Committee, relating to the Town Pound.

See Files.

Voted on the fifth article to accept the Report of the Committee, and that the Selectmen be authorized to sell the Pew Ground as is mentioned in said Report, after giving proper Notice of the Sale at Auction.

See Files.

Voted on the sixth Article, that the persons therein named, be allowed to work out their

Highway Taxes agreable to their Request in said sixth article of the Warrant under the direction of their district Highway Surveyor. —

Voted That the seventh article be dismissed.

Voted to dissolve this meeting. — — —

1810. May Meeting in Continuation.

March meeting opened.

Votes for County Treasurer being call'd for, the whole number was 96. and for Samuel Allen Esquire. —

Voted and chose Mr. Elijah Wilder Constable for the year ensuing. —

Voted and chose Capt Asahel Tower Pound Keeper

Voted and chose Messrs. Jonathan Wilder
Ebenezer Torrey
Edward Goddwin
Comee to superintend Singing

Voted to dissolve this meeting. —

Adjournt of March meeting Proceed.

April meeting opened.

Voted to reject the Report of the committee to whom was referred the consideration of the tenth article of the March meeting warrant last, Relative to the Revd Mr. Thayer's Salary. — — —

Adjournt of April meeting "

Revd Mr. Thayer See Files.

Voted to dissolve this meeting. —

Jno Maynard Modr.

A Special Meeting opened.

Warned by the Constable in consequence of the Prevailing epidemic. —

1810. May.

Seal.

Warrant for Special Meeting.

Worcester ss. Joseph Farwell, Constable of the town of Lancaster, - - - - - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs, either by personal notice, or by leaving a notification in writing at their usual place of abode, twenty four Hours at least, before the time of meeting, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday the seventh day of May next, at 4 o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz. — —

1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting. — — — — — — — — — — — —

2nd. To consider what measures shall be taken for affording medical aid, and other relief to those who now are, or may be visited by the prevailing epidemic fever, and to raise such sum of Money as may be necessary to carry the same into effect, or to act and do any thing relating to the disease now prevalent among us. Given under our hands and Seal this thirtieth day of April Anno Domini 1810. — Moses Smith Jr. / Caleb Lincoln / Jeremiah Ballard } Select-Men of Lancaster.

Worcester ss. Lancaster May 5th 1810. Agreeable to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs, agreeable to a list of voters made out by the Assessors of Lancaster for 1810. by personal notice or by leaving a written notification at their usual places of abode, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned.

Joseph Farwell } Constable of Lancaster

1810. — Notification & Return.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs warned to assemble at the time and place in pursuance of the foregoing Warrant. Proceeded as follows viz.

Proceedings of Special Meeting.

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Leane Moderator.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to pay those Physicians whom they have employed from other Towns; The charges they have against persons unable in their opinion to pay such charges, and afford further supplies to such as are sick and in distress. — — — —

Voted to dissolve this meeting. —

Jonas Leane Modr.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1810. Constable Sworn.

Worcester ss. May 8th 1810. Elijah Wilder was sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of the Office of Constable and Collector for the Town of Lancaster the ensuing Year, as is prescribed by Law.

Before Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Seal.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the town of Lancaster Greeting.

Warrant for Sept 10th Meeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the tenth day of September next, at 2 o'Clock P.M to act on the following Articles viz.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.

2nd To adopt measures for rebuilding the Center Bridge, & Atherton's Bridge, and raise Money necessary to defray the expences there of, or act any thing thereto relating.

3. To adopt measures for the erection of suitable Posts to tie Horses in front of the Meeting House, so as to guard Mr. Sleedmans Fence, & act any thing thereto relating.

4th To hear the report of your committee relative to the Sale of the Sargeant place so Called, to Patience Sargeant or act any thing thereon. — — — — 1810. Sept. 10th "

Given under our Hands and Seal this twenty fourth day of August Anno Domini 1810. —

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Select men of Lancaster

Worcester ss. August 24th 1810. The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town Affairs, are hereby notified & warned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Notification.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

Pursuant to the within Warrant I have summoned and notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs. Return.

Lancaster Sept 10th 1810. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1810.
Sept 10th.
Proceedgs.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs, assembled at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the tenth day of September A.D. 1810. agreable to the warrant and Notification.

Voted and chose Merrick Rice Esq. Modr.

Voted that a Committee of five be chosen to examine Atherton's Bridge, and report at this meeting the Situation thereof. Accordingly were chosen for said Purpose,

Messrs Eli Stearns,
Jonas Lane,
Abijah Phelps,
Thomas Ballard,
Jonathan Wilder.

Voted to adjourn to half past four o'Clock, that the Committee may go on the said Service and Report.

The said Committee came in & verbally reported "That in their opinion, it is inexpedient for the Town to rebuild the said Atherton's Bridge this Season,"

The Town then voted to accept said Report.

Voted to Rebuild the Center Bridge, this fall.

Voted that a Committee of five be appointed to view the Center Bridge, and report a plan for a new one, together with the probable expence thereof, said Report to be made at the adjournment of this meeting." And accordingly were chosen for said Purpose.

1810. Sept. 10. Meeting Proceedings Continued

Messrs Eli Stearns
Jonathan Wilder
Merrick Rice
Jacob Fisher
Moses Smith Jr.

Voted to dismiss the third Article.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on the Sergeant Place business. — See files.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the 17th instant at 3 o'Clock. P.M.

Merrick Rice Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town Affairs met agreable to adjournment of their Meeting, the tenth instant. And Voted that the Report of their Committee raised to report a plan for a new Bridge on the Center Road be accepted.

Adjournment of Sept. 10th Meeting.

See files.

Voted to raise and appropriate for said purpose Three hundred and fifty Dollars.

Dlls. 350.

1810. Sept 17th Proceedgs of Adjournt. of a Meeting for Rebuilding Center Bridge

Voted and chose a Committee of Three to Superintend the Rebuilding the Center Bridge so Called: said Committee are as follow, viz. Messrs. Eli Stearns
Jacob Fisher
Merrick Rice

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Merrick Rice Modr.

Attr Josiah Flagg Cler.

Sep 17th 1810

Assessors Certificate of Assessments 1810.

To Josiah Flagg Esq, Clerk of the Town of Lancaster.

The following is a state of the assessments made by us upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of said Town, which we have Committed to Elijah Wilder Collector thereof to collect viz.

		$
Town Tax dated June 28th 1810		2400.
County Tax do do do		122.26
Surplus in making town & County Tax		8.99
State Tax $554.56 Surplus in mak. 95.43		560 9
Minister Tax 400 excess in mak. 92.8		402.8
Bridge Tax dated Oct 4th 1810		350
Surplus in making bridge Tax		5.56
		$ 3848.98

Received and entered Octo. 5th 1810
Attr Josiah Flagg Town Cler.

Benja Wyman
Jacob Fisher
Edward Goodwin
Assessors of Lancaster

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the Town of Lancaster. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, duly qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighth day of October next at two o'clock P.M. to give in their votes for one Representative to represent the Worcester North District in the Congress of the United States of America, in the room of the Hon.ble William Stedman Esq.r who has resigned his seat as Representative.

Given under our hands and Seal this twenty sixth day of September, Anno Domini 1810.

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Selectmen of Lancaster

1810. Warrant for a Meeting to choose Fed. Repr. to fill a Vacancy.

Worcester ss Sept. 20th 1810. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, are hereby notified & warned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Elijah Wilder (Constable of Lancaster)

Notification.

Worcester ss. Octo. 8th 1810. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth to meet at the time and place in the Warrant within mentioned by posting the same at the meeting House as the Law directs. Elijah Wilder (Constable of Lancaster)

Return.

1810.

Proceedgs of a Meeting for Choice of Fed. Rep. to fill a Vacancy.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court holden on Monday the eighth day of Octob. in the Year of our Lord eighteen Hundred and Ten, at 2 o Clock P.M. for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester North District to fill the vacancy occasioned by the Resignation of the Hon.ble William Stedman Esq. Votes for the following Persons were given in, sorted and counted, and record and declaration thereof made as by Law is directed — to wit

For Abijah Bigelow Esq. Leominster
One Hundred and Thirty. —
" Timothy Whiting Esq Twenty Three.
" Moses White Esq Eight.
" Deacon Ephraim Emerson One! — —

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard
Selectmen of Lancaster.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1810.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the Town of Lancaster. ——— Greeting.

Warrant Nov. Meeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives, to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of November next, at one o'Clock P.M. to give in their votes for a Representative to represent the Worcester North District, in the twelfth Congress of the United States of America.

Given under our Hands and Seal, this twenty second day of October, Anno Domini 1810.

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Selectmen of Lancaster

Notification.

Worcester ss. Octo. 22nd 1810. The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the time and place, & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Elijah Wilder
Constable of Lancaster

Return.

Worcester ss. Nov. 5th 1810. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants, of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives to assemble at the time and place and for the Purposes therein mentioned by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs.

Elijah Wilder Constable

1810.

Proceedings of a Meeting Nov 5th being the Biennial Election of Representatives to Congress.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the fifth day of November being the first Monday, of said month, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight Hundred and Ten, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester North District. — Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and record and declaration thereof made, as by Law is directed — to wit,

For Abijah Bigelow Esquire of Leominster
One Hundred and twenty two . . 122.
Timothy Whiting Esq. Eleven . . 11

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard
Selectmen of Lancaster

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1811.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder, Constable of Lancaster Greeting.

Warrant

Feb. 18th Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required, to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday the eighteenth day of February instant, at 12 o Clock at noon, to act on the following articles, viz.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting

2d To adopt measures for the equitable adjustment of the Revd Nathaniel Thayer's Salary, or act any thing relating thereto.

Given under our hands and seal, this fourth day of February A. D. 1811.

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jere.h Ballard
Selectmen of Lancaster

Notification.

Worcester ss. Feby 14th 1811. The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant

Elijah Wilder Constable Lancaster

Return.

Worcester ss. Feby 18th 1811. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting the same at the meeting House as the Law directs. Elijah Wilder Constable.

1811.

Feby 18th Proceedings of the Town.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, duly warned and apened at the meeting House in said Town on Monday the eighteenth day of February, In the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eleven. At 12 o'Clock at Noon.

Voted, and chose Merrick Rice Esqr Modr

Voted, and chose a Committee to wait on the Revd Mr Thayer, and request him to attend and lay before the Inhabitants, such statement as he may think necessary, touching his Salary. James Carter, Jacob Sweetser, Daniel Loughton. Committee for said Purpose.

For the files

Agreeably to the request of the Town as aforesaid, the Revd Mr Thayer, exhibited a statement relative to his Salary. The Town then Voted, that One Hundred and twenty five dollars, annually, be added to the Revd Mr Thayer's Salary, during his supplying the Desk in this Town, as our Preacher.

dolls 125. Additional Grant to Revd Mr Thayers Salary.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Merrick Rice, Modr

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1811.
Warrant for March meeting.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required, to notify and warn the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, legally qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives to the General Court, and in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting-house in said Town, on Monday the fourth day of March next at one o'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2d To choose town Officers for the year ensuing.

3d To raise Money necessary to defray the expences of the Town the Current year, and appropriate the Same.

4th To give in their Votes for County Treasurer.

5th To give in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester.

6th To choose a Committee to superintend the building of a Wood house at the Latin Grammar School House, or act any thing relating thereto.

7th To Consider the expediency of building a Work House, or act any thing relating thereto.

8th To Choose a Committee to superintend the building a new Bridge over Prescotts Mill Pond, so called, or act any thing relating thereto.

9th To Permit Aaron Johnson, Calvin Johnson & Luther Johnson, to work out their highway Taxes on the Private way leading from said Aaron's house, to the Public Road, or act any thing relating thereto.

1811.

March 10th To direct the highway Surveyors, who can not get the Taxes of Non-resident Proprietors

Warrant, of Lands, worked out, to return the same to the

Continued. Assessors for assessment, in the general Tax, the next year, or act any thing relating thereto.

Given under our hands and Seal, this eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eleven.

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Bullard
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester, ss. Feby 18th 1811. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in Town affairs, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Elijah Wilder
Constable of Lancaster.

Return.

Worcester, ss. March 4th 1811. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster as within directed, by posting the same at the Meeting house as the Law directs.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster.

Attest, Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Proceedings of March meeting.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants, Freeholders and others qualified to vote for Representatives, and in town affairs, assembled at the Meeting House in pursuance of the Warrant this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen Hundred and eleven.

Voted and chose Merrick Rice Esq. Modr.

The meeting was opened with a Prayer. The list of Voters was then read. The act to prevent Prophane Cursing and Swearing was also read. The prudential Accounts for the last year, was then exhibited to the Town. The town then voted to Commit said Accounts to a Committee of Three, and accordingly were Chosen for the Purpose, Samuel Ward.

Richard Haven

Jonathan Wilder.

The town then proceeded in the Choice of their Officers for the current Year.

Voted and Chose Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Voted and Chose Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Messieurs Caleb Lincoln, and Jeremiah Ballard, resigned their seats at the Selectmens Board. The town voted them Thanks for their faithful Services.

Voted and Chose Moses Smith Jr. (Selectmen)

Moses Emerson

John Ballard

1811. March meeting Proceedings Contin.d

Voted and Chose, Benj.a Wyman, Jacob Fisher, Edward Goodwin. } Assessors.

Voted and Chose, Jonas Whitney, Jon.a Buttrick, Daniel Goss, Will.m Willard, Robert Hudson, Thomas Bellard, Elias Bennett, Martin Stevenson, Abner Pollard, James Goodwin, Ezra Sawyer, John Haskell, William Gould. } Surveyors of Highways.

Voted and Chose, Joseph Hiller, Merick Rice, Sam.l Ward. } Committee for Hiring a Latin G. School Master.

Voted and Chose, a Committee to visit the Schools viz. The Rev.d M.r Thayer, Mess.rs Joseph Hiller, Samuel Ward, Samuel Manning, Merrick Rice, John M.c Gaw, Timothy Whiting, Jacob Sweetser, Jeremiah Dyar, John Maynard, Josiah Bridge, Jonas Lane, Solomon Carter.

Voted and Chose, Ephraim Osgood, Daniel Goss, Ephraim Rugg, Amos Sawyer } Field Drivers.

Voted and Chose Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather.

Voted and Chose,
Caleb Lincoln, Paul Willard, Calvin Wilder, Calvin Seabury } Fence Viewers.

Voted and Chose, Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted and Chose,
Mr. Jeremiah Ballard, Samuel Wilder 2d.
Paul Willard, John McCaw.
Robt. Townshend, Samuel Barrett,
Elijah Wilder, Darby Willard,
Anthony Phelps, David Howe,
Jonathan Puffick, Benj.a Tyler. } Hog Reeves.

Voted and Chose
Ezra Sawyer John Taylor
Charles Bridge. } Deer Reeves.

Voted and Chose
Joseph Leach, Josiah Rugg. Tything Men.

Voted and Chose,
John Hawks Jr. Abijah White,
John Collison. } Cullers of Staves.

Voted and Chose
Jonathan Hildreth, Paul Faulkner,
Benjamin Thompson, Abraham Willard } Fire Wardens.

Voted that the care of the several River Bridges, be given to the following Persons. viz.
Sprague's Bridge to Daniel Goss.
Bennetts, 2d " Thomas Bennett Jr.
Center, 2d " Abner Bullard
Quasiponitken 2d " John Maynard
Atherton's, 2d " Jonathan Wilder.
White's 2d " Jeremiah Dyar.

1811. Proceedings of March meeting Continued.

Voted to pass over to April meeting the 3 Article.

Voted to pass over the 4th article also.

The 5th Article being for the Choice of a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester. The votes being called for, were counted, and Daniel Clap Esquire, had the whole number, One Hundred & One.

Register of Deeds, Voted for.

Voted to commit the Subject matter of the 6th Article to Eli Stearns, Daniel Laughton, James Carter } Com.ee

Voted to submit the expediency of Building a work House together with the Support and maintenance of the Poor, in the best expensive manner to the Town: To the Consideration of a Committee of Seven, and were accordingly Chosen.

Mess.r John Maynard, Eli Stearns, James Carter, Moses Smith Jr. Joseph Farwell, Edward Goodwin John Thurston.

Voted on the 8th Article to Commit the Subject thereof to the Consideration of Jon.a Wilder, Jonas Lane, Leonard Parodd } Com.ee

Voted to permit Mess.rs Aaron Johnson, Calvin Johnson, and Luther Johnson, to work out (agreeable to their request in the 9th article) their Highway Taxes under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways in their District.

Voted to pass over the 10th article to April meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to first Monday April next at 4 o'Clock P.M. Merrick Rice, Modr.

March 4th 1811. Moses Smith Jr Moses Emerson and John Ballard, Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster, made Oath, that they would faithfully and impartially, discharge the duties of their Office, as respects all Elections and the Returns thereof.

Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1811. March 4th. Select-men Sworn.

March 4th 1811. Josiah Flagg Town Clerk of Lancaster, made oath that he would faithfully, and impartially discharge the Duties of his Office, and until another is chosen, and Sworn in his room.

Before me Moses Smith Jr Justice of the Peace

Town Clerk Sworn.

Lancaster March 11th 1811. Personally appeared on the fourth day of March instant and between that time and the date hereof Eli Stearns Treasurer. Benjamin Wyman, Jacob Fisher, Edward Goodwin, Assessors. Daniel Goss, Robert Hudson, Elias Bennett, Ezra Sawyer, Jonathan Buttrick, William Willard, Thomas Ballard, Martin Stevenson, William Gould, Abner Pollard Surveyors of Highways. Joseph Leach, Josiah Rugg, Fything Men. Josiah Lane, Sealer of Leather. Jeremiah Ballard, Samuel Wilder 2d, Paul Willard, John McGaw, Robert Townshend, Samuel Barrett, Elijah Wilder, Darby Willard, Anthony Phelps, David Howe, Jonathan Buttrick. Hoogreeves. Ezra Sawyer, John Taylor, Charles Bridge Deergreeves, Jonathan Hiddreth, Paul Faulkner, Benjamin Thompson, Abraham Mallard, Fish Wardens.

Town Officers Sworn.

1811. March. Town Officers Sworn.

Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns, Surveyors of Lumber.
John Hawks jun, Abijah White, John Dollison. (Surveyors of Staves)
Ephraim Osgood, Daniel Goss, Ephraim Rugg.
Amos Sawyer, Field Drivers.
Caleb Lincoln, Paul Willard, Calvin Wilder, Calvin Peabody Fence Viewers. And were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective Offices to which they were severally elected, for the year ensuing according to Law. Before Josiah Flagg Town Cler.

March 30th 1811. Jonas Whitney, April 1st 1811. John Robbins and Ancil Tyler highway Surveyors. Caleb Lincoln Pound-keeper were sworn to the faithful discharge of their respective Offices.
Before me Josiah Flagg Town Cler.

Warrant For April Meeting.

Worcester Ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster. ——— Greeting.

Seal.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governor. Lieut Governor Senators and Counsellors, and in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the first day of April next, at one o'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To give in their votes for Governor, Lieut.

Governor, Senators and Counsellors for the ensuing year. 1811.

2d. To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs. April Warrant

3d. To hear the Report of the Committee to whom was Committed the seventh article of the March Meeting Warrant.

4th. To restrain neat Cattle, horses, asses and mules from going at large on the Common or highway the ensuing season, or act any thing relating thereto.

5th. To permit Messrs Eber Goddard, Elias Bennett, Ezekiel Knowlton and Simeon Ross, to work out the whole or part of their highway taxes on the private ways leading from said Goddard's to the public road; And from Bennetts mills, to the corner near Capt Josiah Bowers's: or act any thing thereto relating.

6th. To choose three or more suitable persons to superintend the innoculation of the Cow-pox within this Town, agreably to a law of this Commonwealth.

Given under our hands and Seal this eighteenth day of March Anno Domini 1811.

Moses Smith Jr
Moses Emerson
John Ballard
Select men of Lancaster.

Worcester Ss. March 18th 1811. The freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governor Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors, and in town affairs, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the time and place & for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant. Notification

Elijah Wilder, Constable of Lancaster.

April 1st 1811. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for the Purposes therein specified, to meet at the time and place as within directed, by Posting said Warrant at the meeting house as the law directs. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster. Return.

1811.

Proceedings of April meeting

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the towne of Lancaster in the county of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators and Counsellors, and in towne affairs holden on the first day of April being the first Monday of said month, in the year of our Lord eighteen Hundred and eleven.

Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and record and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed. viz. Whole number is - - 252.

Votes for Governor &c.

For Governor.

The Hon. Christopher Gore . .	164.
His Excell.cy Eldridge Gerry .	88.

For Lieut. Governor.

William Phillips Esquire .	163.
His Honor William Gray . .	88.

For Senators and Counsellors.

Hon.	Jonas Kendall . .	164
"	Seth Hastings . .	164
"	Francis Blake . .	164
	Silas Holman Esq.r .	164
Hon.	Thiny Merrick . .	88
	Edwards Bangs Esq. . .	88
	Samuel Jones Esq. . .	87
	Moses White Esq. . .	88
	Edmund Cushing .	1

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Voted and chose Merrick Rice Esq. Moderator.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the seventh Article of March Meeting Warrant.

Here follows the Report.

Report of Committee on the Support of the Poor.

Your committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of building a work-house, together with the Support of the poor in the least expensive manner to the Town, have attended the Service assigned them, and report. That upon the best investigation your Committee have been able to give the Subject, they are satisfied that it is not expedient for the Town at Present to build a work-house. ---------- Your committee have also taken into consideration, the subject matter of supporting the Poor, the ensuing year. In considering this subject they have taken into view the propositions of those who felt disposed to make an offer for the support of all the poor, and after making the best calculation the subject would admit of, are of opinion, that it would be for the interest of the Town, under all circumstances, to accept of the proposition of Doct. James Carter, which is as follows, to wit Doct Carter proposes and agrees that he will support and maintain exclusive of clothing in sickness and health, for the Term of one year, for six hundred and forty dollars, all the poor Persons whose names are mentioned in the schedule annexed hereto and do all their washing mending nursing & doctoring for and during said term. Provided however, if any of the said Poor persons should decease during said time, then a deduction for the residue of said year is to be made in such proportion as eight hundred and eleven dollars bears to each individual Pauper's expence, in 1810, 10 as doe, six hundred and forty dollars bear to each of said individual paupers

1811. Proceedings of April Meeting In Continuation.

expence the ensuing year. Your Committee have been induced to adopt the foregoing opinion with a view to try the experiment of supporting all or nearly all the poor, in something of the manner of a workhouse, in order to enable the Town to make more accurate calculations as to future support. They also deem it proper to suggest the propriety of the Town taking some further measures to relieve the Town in their burdens of supporting the poor in the year 1812. The clothing of the poor persons to be supported by Doct. Carter, as near as your Committee can calculate, will amount to about one hundred & thirty two Dollars. And the proposition made by Doct Carter, includes all the Poor except Nath.l White, Lydia Knight, Mercy Manning, and Augustus Grenville, whose Support will amount in all to one hundred & forty three Dollars. All of which Sums will amount to nine hundred and fifteen dollars. All of which is submitted by John Maynard, Eli Stearns, James Carter, Joseph Farwell, Moses Smith Jr Edward Goodwin John Thurston. Committee.

Schedule annexed to the aforesaid Report.

James Dickinson, Lois Haskell, Sarah Wright, Rebecca Fletcher, William Larkin, Jemsha Osgood, Moses Dickinson & wife, Ruth Fletcher, Lucy Dickinson, Dorothy Phelps, Jane Kendall, Betty Brown, David Butler, Samuel Dickinson, Archibald McIntosh and wife, James Clark & wife, Francis Davis & Wife, Ruth Johnson, William Shearer wife & Lydia Mansfield, Sarah Depuyster, Rebecca Fletcher 2. Otis Wilder, Stephen Cleverly wife and Children.

1811. April meeting Proceedings Continued

Voted to restrain neat Cattle, horses, asses and mules from going at large on the Common or highways the ensuing Season, as they were the last year.

Voted to permit Eber Goddard to work out such part or the whole of his highway Taxes, as the Select men shall deem proper, under the Superintendence of the Highway Surveyor, on the private way leading from said Goddard's to the Public Road.

Voted to permit Messieurs Elias Bennett, Ezekiel Knowlton, and Simeon Ross to work out such part or the whole of their highway taxes, as the Select men shall deem proper, under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, on the road from Bennetts Mills to the Corner near Capt. Josiah Bowers's.

Voted that a Committee be raised to Superintend the Kine Pox innoculation, and accordingly were chosen for said Purpose. Merrick Rice, Eli Stearns, Samuel Manning } Committee

Kine Pox Committee

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

March meeting being opened, and the Town proceeded in the business thereof.

Voted to excuse Mr John Haskell from Serving in the Office of Surveyor of Highways, and appointed Mr Ancil Tyler in his Room. Also made choice of Mr John Robbins for a Highway Surveyor in the Room of Mr James Goodwin

Adjournt. of March meeting.

Voted and chose Caleb Lincoln Pound keeper.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to whom was referred the Select men's and Treasurer's accounts of the last Year.

See fowd.

Voted to raise Four Thousand Dollars to defray the expences of the Town the Current Year.

Monies Dollrs 4000.

Voted to appropriate the same as follows viz

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Appropriated for English Grammar Schools. $722.
Latin Grammar D°. 280.
Singing School . 25.
Rev^d Mr Thayer's Salary, 525.

Highway Monies. 800 dlls.

Voted to raise Eight Hundred Dollars to be worked out on the Highways, after the usual manner, and prices of labour and Utensils for such purpose.

Voted and chose a Committee to superintend the Singing School, and were chosen
Messrs Solomon Carter
Jonathan Wilder } Comee
Joseph Wales.

County Treasur.

The votes being called for by the Moderator for the Choice of a County Treasurer, the whole number was forty nine, and they were all for Samuel Allen Esquire.

See files.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of the sixth article of the March meeting warrant and that the Select men are hereby authorized to carry the same into effect.

Voted to pass over the Consideration of the eighth article to May meeting.

Voted to direct the Highway Surveyors, who cannot get the taxes of Non resident Proprietors of lands, worked out, to return the same to the assessors for assessment in the general tax the next year.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday of May next, at 4° Clock P.M.

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk. Merrick Rice Modr.

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1810. — — —

1811. April meeting Proceed'g Continu'd

For the support of the Poor. viz)

James Dickinson	11.16	
George Grant	16.32	
Nathaniel White	104 0	
Rebecca Fletcher	78.11	
Solomon Harris	4.9	
William Larkin	21.20	
Gardner Phelps	2.41	
Moses Dickinson & Wife	57.74	
Thomas B. Ball	10.–	
Lucy Dickinson	12.59	
Mercy Manning	37.50	
Lydia Knight	10–	
Jane Kendall	53.59	
Polly Wilder	12.	430.71
David Butler	28.52	
Aaron Phelps deceased	43.16	
Betty Brown	4.97	
Dolly Phelps	97.10	
Joseph Abbot	6.3	
Archibald McIntosh & wife	89.28	
Samuel Dickinson	14.17	
Emily Willard	6.3	
Charlotte Sawyer deceased	62.66	
Aaron Rugg deceased	4.17	
Jonathan Beaman	10.11	
Francis Davis	25 30	
Ruth Johnson	6.96	398.46
William Shearer, wife & Lydia Mansfield	117.60	
Deputron Sarah	45.51	
Amos Sawyer 2d	9.71	
Stephen Dickinson	36.49	209.31
Carried over		1038.48

Pauper Account

1811. Proceedings at April meeting Pauper Account Contin.

To amount brought over		℔1038.48
William M Lellan	1.17	
Rebecca Fletcher 2	21.51	
Stephen Cleverly & family	70.13	
James Clark	10.35	
Olis Wilder	84.81	
John Willard	10.58	
Lois Haskell	32.98	
Eleazar Priest	8.93	
Sarah Wright	69.90	
William Bridge	17.	327.35
William Damon	9.71	
Augustus Grenville	26.80	
Jemima Osgood	59.19	
Ruth Fletcher	22.50	
Doctoring the Poor	15	
Overseeing D°	45.	178.20
		1544.04
Ponnikin Bridge	7.27	
Atherton's Bridge	29.39	
Center Bridge	343.79	
Sprague's Bridge	13.34	
Bennetts Bridge	15.25	
Small Bridges	5.13	416.17
Latin Grammar School	271.71	
English Grammar School	722.	
Singing School	3.33	997.04
Revd Nathaniel Thayer Salary	400 -	
Repairs on meeting house	2.50	
Recording Births & Deaths 2 years	11.28	
Militia Companies	70 -	
Contin. burying Ground	1.89	
Assessing Taxes	54.12	539.79
Carried over		℔3497.04

To amount brought forward		3497. 4	1811. April.
Abatement of Taxes	98.33		
Collectors Commissions	76.98		
Stationary	2.20		
Support and defence of Suits	25. 9		
Warning town Officers &c	5.55		
Contingent expences	3.40		
Entertaining town officers & Com.ers	49.57	261. 12	
		$ 3758. 16	

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard
} Select men of Lancaster.

March 4th. 1811.

Dr. The town of Lancaster in acco.t with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer Cr.

1810 May 28	For town orders per Selectmens Rec.t	296.54	1810 Mar 5	By ballance of last year	308. 4
1811 Jan 7	For town orders per Selectmens R.t	1594.92		By ballance in Collector Farwells Hands.	108. -
Mar 1.	For town orders per Selectmens Rec.t	1718.48	May 23.	By Cash of the Commonwealth for Support of Wm. Shearer.	81.64
4.	For town orders per Selectmen Rec.t	85.49	June 8.	By Cash of the Town of Boston for support of Timothy H. Curtiss	38.70
	For ballance in Collector Farwells hands	81.47	Aug. 1.	By assessments for the present year	2816.50
		3756.90	25.	By Cash for Joshua Fletcher's note	1.30
			Octo 1.	By Cash in part of Geo. Phelps note	14. 4
			4.	By an additional assessment	355.56
			1811 Jan 7	By Cash for Edward Goodwin note	14.46
				By Cash in part for Geo. Phelps note	7.56
			Mar 4	By Town orders rec.d of the Selectmen	85.49
					3831.29
					3756.90
				(Ballance in the Treasurers hands.	74.39

Eli Stearns, Town Treasurer.

Moses Smith Jr.
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard
} Select men of Lancaster.

NB. There is also ten dollars in the Treasurers hands that belongs to the Militia Companies.

Eli Stearns. Town Treasurer.

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Proceedings Prudential Accounts Continued

Dr. The town of Lancaster.

1811 Mar 4th	To sundry outstanding orders	£ 120.70
	" Ballance in favour of the Town	165.51
		£ 286,21

Supra Contra.

1811 Mar 4	By taxes unrecked in Mr. Joseph Farwells hands	61.47
	By Cash in Treasurers hands	74.39
	By sundry notes supposed to be collectable	150.35
		£ 286,21

March 4th 1811. Moses Smith Jr
Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Ballard
Selectmen Lancaster

Report of Committee on Accounts.

Lancaster March 12th 1811. We the Committee appointed by the Town at their March meeting for 1811. to examine the Selectmen's and Treasurers Accounts of the Prudentials of the said Town for the Year past have attended that service and do find the said accounts well vouched and rightly cast.

Samuel Ward
Richard Craven
Jon.a Wilder

1811.

Warrant for May Meeting

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder, constable of Lancaster. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives, and in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the sixth day of May next at one o'clock P. M. for the following purposes viz.

1st. To give in their votes for one, or more, Persons to represent the Town in the General Court the ensuing Year.

2nd. To Choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in Town affairs.

3d. To appoint a Committee to take into Consideration the subject of building a Work House, and also the Support of the Poor the year 1812. or act any thing relating thereto.

4th. To regulate the Jury Boxes agreably to Law, and act any thing relating thereto.

5th To accept of a Town way laid out by the Select men, from the Corner near Capt Josiah Bowers to Bennetts Mills, or act any thing thereon.

6th To choose a Committee to Superintend the making of the new road from Shirley line to Capt. Lincolns, and act any thing thereon.

7th To Choose a Committee to ascertain the width and boundaries of the Road leading

1811. May Warrant.

from Mr Jonathan Buttricks by Mr Dollison's to Boylstone line, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — —

8th. To allow the Highway District on the east side of the Neck to work out part of their highway Taxes in repairing the old Neck Bridge, or act any thing thereto relating. — —

9th. To permit Salmon Willard Luther Lyon and Moses Barrett, to work out their highway Taxes on the Road leading from said Lyons to the Road that leads from the Shakers Bridge to the Shakers. — or act any thing thereon.

10th. To permit Oliver Houghton to work out his highway Taxes on the private way leading from his house to the County road, or act any thing thereto relating. — —

Given under our hands and Seal this twenty Second day of April Anno Domini 1811. —

Moses Smith Jr
John Ballard
Select men of Lancaster.

Notification. — Worcester ss. April 22. 1811. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives and in Town affairs, are hereby notified and warned to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. —

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster.

Worcester ss. May 6th 1811 Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the male Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the Purposes within mentioned

1811. May Warrant.

Return.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in Town affairs, duly assembled on Monday the Sixth day of May eighteen hundred and eleven at 1° Clock P.M. — — — —

Proceeds. May meeting.

Voted that the town be represented in the General Court the Year ensuing. — —

The votes being called for by the Select men were Counted and Sorted are as follow viz

Whole Number 110. —

For Col. Jonas Lane . 105
Major Jacob Fisher . 3
Capt John Maynard . 2

Two Representatives Chosen. —

Voted that one other Representative be sent to the General Court. —

The votes being called for by the Select men were counted and Sorted are as follow viz,

Whole number 115.

For Major Jacob Fisher 79.
Capt John Maynard 29
Capt Willm Cleaveland 7

1811. May. Proceeding Continued

The Select men declared the Choice of Col. Jonas Lane, and Major Jacob Tisher Jr the Representatives of the Town to the General Court the Year ensuing.

Town affairs

1 Voted and chose Capt John Maynard Moder. Capt Maynard being unwell the town excuse him and 2 Voted and Chose Capt Benj.a Wyman Moder.

3 Voted That a Committee of Seven be raised to carry into effect the Subject matter of the 3.d article and were chosen for said Purpose Mess.rs Jn.o Maynard, Jonas Lane, Eli Stearns Edward Goodwin Jn.o Thurston Moses Smith Jr. Joseph Farwell.

Who are requested to report in or before the next March meeting.

Jury Boxes Regulated

Voted to Commit the lists selected by the Select men, of Persons qualified to Serve as Jurors to a Committee of Seven for Revision, and were Chosen for said Purpose by nomination.

Mess.rs Jon.a Wilder Thomas Ballard
Eli Stearns Ephraim Emerson
Jn.o Thurston Caleb Lincoln
Jacob Tisher.

Committee

2 Voted on the 5.th article to accept the Report of the Committee See Road Book Page 63. & the Plan.

1811 May meeting Continued

Voted on the sixth article to commit the subject matter thereof, to a Committee of three, and were Chosen Messrs. Jacob Fisher
Thomas Bennett
Caleb Lincoln } Comee

Voted on the seventh article to commit the subject matter thereof to Capt Benjn Wyman
Moses Smith Jr
Josiah Flagg

Voted on the 8th article to allow the Highway District on the east side of the Neck, to work out one third part of their Highway Taxes in repairing the old Neck Bridge, under the direction of the Highway Surveyor. — —

Voted to permit Salmon Willard, Luther Lyon and Moses Barrett to work out their Highway Taxes, on the road leading from said Lyons, to the Road that leads from the Shakers Bridge to the Shakers under the direction of the Surveyor of the District.

Voted to permit Oliver Houghton to work out his highway Taxes on the private way leading from his house to the County Road.

May meeting adjourned for an half Hour, and March meeting opened.

Merrick Rice Esq. being absent, The Town Chose Capt Benjn Wyman Mdr.

Voted to refer the subject matter of the 8th article Mer Warr. together with the Report of a Committee raised for the Consideration thereof to the Select men,

1811. Voted and Chose Mr Elijah Wilder Constable

May Voted to dissolve this meeting

Meeting.

May meeting opened.

Proceedings Voted to accept the Jury lists as revised by the Committee.

Voted to dissolve the meeting

Benj.a Wyman Moder.

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk.

Certificate of Assessors. To Josiah Flagg Esq.r Clerk of the town of Lancaster. The following is a state of the Assessments made by us, upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of the town of Lancaster which we have committed unto Elijah Wilder Collector thereof, with warrants in due form of Law for collecting the same.

State Tax	$498.66
Surplus in making said Tax	5.39
Town Tax	3450.—
County Tax	97.81
Surplus in making Town & County	20.50
Minister Tax	525—
for ringing School	25—
Surplus in making Minister Tax	0.85
	$4623.21

Jun. 26 1811.

True Copy attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Jacob Fisher
Edward Goodwin
Benj.a Wyman
} Assessors.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder, Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on monday the second day of March next at one o'clock P.M. for the purposes following, viz.

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
2. To choose Town Officers for the ensuing year.
3. To raise money necessary to defray the expences of the Town the Current Year, and appropriate the same
4. To give in their votes for County Treasurer.
5. To Consider the expediency of remitting to Messrs Poignand and Plant, all or any part on of the taxes which have been apesed upon them and their estates; and also the propriety of exempting from taxation for a limited period, the funds they employ in their Manufactory, or act any thing thereto relating.
6. To accept of a highway laid out by the Selectmen for the Towns use from Mr Peter and Ezra Sawyer's to the Corner near Mr Peter Thurston's; and also across the Mill Pond near Messrs Poignand & Plants factory.
7. To hear the Report of your Committee appointed to ascertain the width and bounds of the road leading by Mr John Dobbisons, and act any thing thereon.
8. To Choose a Committee to Superintend the inoculation of the Kine pox in this Town the ensuing year or act any thing thereto relating

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9. To consider the expediency of the Town's furnishing the Militia with Knapsacks, or act any thing relating thereto. — —

10. To Set off Luke Wilder from School District No 9. to School District No 7. or act any thing relating thereto. — — —

11. To permit Aaron Johnson, Calvin Johnson, Luther Johnson, Prudence Robbins & Hannah Robbins to work out their highway Taxes on the private way, leading from said Aaron's to the Public highway, or act any thing relating thereto.

12. To consider the propriety of allowing the Town Treasurer, a five dollar bill, taken by him of Mr Collector Farwell, or act any thing thereon.

13. To Consider the propriety of districting the the Schools anew, or altering the appropriation of the money, so that School District No 5. may have a more equal proportion, or act any thing relating thereto. — — —

Given under our Hands and Seal this seventeenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred and twelve. —

Moses Smith
Moses Emerson
John Ballard
} Select men of Lancaster

a true Copy attest Josiah Hagg Town Clerk.

Notification.

Worcester ss. Feb. 17. 1812. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in town affairs, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

a true Copy attest Josiah Hagg Clerk

Lancaster March 2. 1812. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in town affairs to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes expressed in the within Warrant by posting the same at the Meeting house as the law directs.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

A true copy Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1812. March Warrant Contin'd. Return.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Town Officers and in Town affairs assembled at the Meeting house in said Town Pursuant to the Warrant for such purposes, this Second day of March Anno Domini 1812. After reading the late law for regulating the choice of Town Officers and Town Meetings. The Town voted and chose by written ballots Capt. John Maynard Modr.

An appropriate Prayer was then addressed by the Rev. Mr. Thayer to the Great Author of all intelligent existencies. — — — —

The list of voters being read previous to the Choice of the Moderator. — —

The Prudential accounts were exhibited by the Selectmen, and the town voted to commit them for examination to a Committee of Three, and for said Purpose were chosen

Mess. Jonas Lane
Jacob Fisher
Joseph Hiller

The town then proceeded in the choice of their Officers for the ensuing Year.

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

March meeting & Proceed.

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Proceedings of March Meeting Continued

Voted and chose Mr Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Voted and chose Messrs Edward Goodwin, Joel Wilder, Calvin 2d Wilder. } Select Men.

Voted and chose Messrs Benj.a Wyman, Jacob Fisher, Solomon Carter. } Assessors.

Voted and chose Messieurs Eli Stearns, Solomon Carter, Solomon Futter, Jonathan 2d Wilder, Joseph Rice, Calvin Peabody, Benj.a 2d Willard, James Carter, John Carter 3d, John Goodwin, Daniel Hayden, Benj.a 2d Farnsworth 2d. } Survey.rs of Highways.

Gyawen B. Newman.

Voted and chose Messrs Will.m Cleaveland, Samuel Manning, Moses Emerson } Comee for hiring Latin Gram.r School Mast.r

A Committee for visiting the Schools was Chosen by written ballot (viz.)—

Rev.d Math.a Thayer

Messrs John Maynard, Samuel 2d Ward, Merrick Rice, Joseph Hiller, Jaemich Dyer, Eben.r Torrey, Jacob Sweetser, Thomas Safford, Samuel Manning, Moses Smith, Jonas Lane, Joel Wilder.—

Voted and chose Messrs Daniel Laughton, Otis Hunt, Elias Emerson, Amos Sawyer, } Field drivers

Voted and chose Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather.

Voted and chose, Messrs Caleb Lincoln, Jonas 2d Whitney, Abijah 2d White, Joel Wilder } Fence Viewers

Voted and chose Messrs Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns & } Surveyors of Lumber

1812. March meeting Proceedgs Continued.

Voted and chose Messrs Joseph Leach
Benjn H. Foster, Nahum Rugg
Jeremh Fales Jr Prescott Whittemore
Rufus Fletcher Prosper Randall
Oliver Studley John Sargant 2d
Joel Rugg Jeremh Ballard
} Hog. reeves.

Voted and chose Messrs Solomon Carter
Abraham Mallard, John Hill.
} Deer Reeves.

Voted and chose,
Messrs Jonathan Buttrick, Josiah Rugg. Tyth. Men.

Voted and chose Oliver Brown, Gardner Maynard
William Ballard, Luther Jones
} Fish wardens

Voted and chose John Hawks Jr Abijah White Cullers of Staves.
John Rollison

Voted to Commit the care of the Several River Bridges to Messrs
Otis Hunt for Spragues Bridge
Abraham Mallard Bennetts Do
Abner Pollard Center Do
John Maynard Quassiponiken Do
Jonathan Wilder Athertons Do
Jeremiah Dyar White's Do

The choice of Pound keeper pass'd over to the adjournment.

Voted to pass over 3d article to the adjournment,
Also the 4th article was passed over Do

Voted on the 5th article to Commit the subject thereof to a Committee of Five who are required to report at the adjournment, and were accordingly chosen for said Purpose
Messrs Moses Emerson Eli Stearns
Moses Smith Jacob Fisher,
Josiah Flagg.

Voted to accept the Report of a Committee, being the subject of the sixth article in the warrant. Recorded in Book of Record Roads.

Voted to accept the Report of a Committee on the

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Seventh article and the Select men are hereby required to lay out a Road leading from Mr Jonathan Buttrick's corner, by Mr John Dollison's to Boylstone line.

Report on file.

Voted to pass over the 8th article to adjournment.

Voted to pass over the 9* 10th 11th articles of the warrant to the adjournment.

Voted to refer the subject matter of the 12th article to the Selectmen.

Voted to pass over 13th article to adjournment.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of April next at 4° Clock. P.M.

John Maynard Modr.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

*9. Art. voted that the subject thereof be committed to Messrs Moses Smith, Eli Sharns & Josiah Bridge.

Select Men Sworn.

Worcester Ss. Lancaster March 2. 1812.

Edward Goodwin, Joel Wilder and Calvin Wilder, Selectmen of the town of Lancaster the Current Year, made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their Office, as respects all elections, and the Returns thereof.

Before me Josiah Flagg Town Cler.

Town Clerk Sworn.

March 2. 1812. Josiah Flagg made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the Office of Town Clerk for the town Lancaster the ensuing year and until another is chosen and sworn in his Room.

Before me Moses Smith Justice of the peace

Lancaster March 12. 1812. personally appeared on the second day of March instant and between that time and the date hereof, Eli Stearns Esqr Jacob Fisher, & Solomon Carter Assessors. Eli Stearns, Solomon Carter, Jonathan 2d Wilder Calvin Peabody, James Carter, John Goodwin Joseph Rice, John Carter 3. Daniel Hayden, Benjamin Farnsworth 2. Surveyors of Highways. Josiah Rugg Tything man, Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather. Nahum Rugg, Jeremiah Fales Jun., Rufus Fletcher, Oliver Sudley, Prescott Whittemore, Prosper Randall, John Sargant 2. Joel Rugg, Hog reeves. Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns Surveyors of Lumber. John Hawks Jun. Abijah 2d White John Dodson, Surveyors of Staves. Solomon Carter, Abraham Mallard John Hilly Deer Reeves, Elias Emerson, Otis Hunt - Field drivers. Gardner Maynard, William Ballard, Luther Jones Fish wardens. Caleb Lincoln Jonas 2d Whitney Abijah 2d White, Joe C Wilder Fence Viewers.

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Town Officers Sworn.

And on the 24th instant and between that time and the 30. instant personally appeared Amos Sawyer Field driver, Gawen B. Newman and Solomon Fuller Surveyors of Highways. and were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective Offices to which they were severally elected. for the year ensuing according to Law. before Josiah Rugg Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. March 13. 1812. Personally appeared Benjamin 2d Willard, and made oath, faithfully to discharge the duties of a highway Surveyor in the Town of Lancaster for the current year.

Copy of B Willard Certificate

Before me Jacob Willard Just Peace.

1812 April 2 Warrant. Seal.

Worcester ss. To Mr Elijah Wilder constable of the Town of Lancaster. Greeting

In the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators, and Counsellors, and in town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of April next, at one Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st. To give in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors, for the ensuing year.

2d. To give in their votes for Moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

3. To hear the report of their Committee for devising ways and means for the support of the Poor, or act any thing thereon.

4. To allow Eber Goddard, to work out his highway Taxes, on the private way leading from the Public highway to his house, or act any thing thereon.

5. To restrain neat Cattle horses, mules and asses, from going at large in the Public highway, or act any thing thereto relating.

6. To see if the town will employ Doctor Smith of Hanover to operate upon the eyes of Archibald M'Intosh, or act any thing thereon. — — —

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twelve. Edward Goodwin,
Joel Wilder
Calvin Wilder } Selectmen of Lancaster

Notification. Agreable to the foregoing warrant I hereby notify and warn the freeholders, and other Inhabitants to assemble at the time and place and for the Purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

1812. April Warrant. Return.

April 6. 1812. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned, the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor Counsellors and Senators, and in town affairs, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs.

Elijah Wilder } Constable Lancaster

a true Copy attest

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified as the Constitution provides to vote for Senators and Representatives, duly warned and assembled on the first monday in April A. D. 1812, being the sixth day of said month. The necessary Acts being Read by the Clerk. Votes for the following persons were given in sorted and counted and record and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, viz. The whole number of Votes 292.

Votes for Gov.r &c.

For Governour,

Caleb Strong 217.

Elbridge Gerry 74.

Timothy Whiting 1.

For Lieut. Governour

William Phillips 216.

William King . 75.

Paul Willard . 1.

For Senators and Counsellors

Silas Holman 218

Solomon Strong 217

John Willard . . 1

Edmund Cushing 69 Hutchins Hapgood 1.

Timothy Whiting 65.

Asa Johnson . . 6.

Robert B Thomas . 2.

Moses Dickinson 1.

1812.

April meeting Proceedgs Contin.d

The meeting being now opened for Town affairs, Capt John Maynard chosen Moderator.

Voted on the 3. article, to accept the Report of the Committee for that Purpose. — See files. —

Voted on the 4th article to permit Eber Goddard to work out his highway taxes this year on the way ledding from his house to the public road under the direction of the Surveyer of Highways of the district to which he belongs. — — — — — — — — — —

Voted to restrain neat Cattle Horses mules and Asses from going at large on the Public highways, after the usual manner. — — — — — — —

Voted on the sixth article to commit the subject there of to the following Committee viz.

Doctor James Carter.
" Samuel Manning
" William Swift. Who are requested to report at May meeting.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Joriah Flagg T. Clerk. John Maynard Modr.

Proceedgs at March meeting.

March meeting opened agreable to adjournment, Capt Maynard Modr.

Voted to accept the Report of Committee to whom was referred Prudential Accounts.

The votes being called for a County Treasurer, Samuel Allen Esq. had the whole, being 127.

Monies. dollars. 3400.

Voted to raise Three thousand four hundred dollars. And that the same be appropriated in the following way viz. —

	$
For support of the Poor	1000
" " " Bridges . . .	400
" " " English Grammar School	722
" " " Latin Grammar School	300
Carried up	$2422

Amount of Appropriation Continued 2422.
For Singing School 50
" Rev. Nathaniel Thayer's Salary . 525
" Contingent expences . . 400
$3397.

1812.
April.

Adjournmt. of March meeting.

Voted to raise Eight hundred Dollars to be expended in the Repairs of the High ways, after the usual manner. - - - - -

High-way money 800 dlls.

Voted leave for the Committee on Poignand & Plants business to report at the adjournment of this meeting. - - - - -

Voted to raise a Committee to superintend the Kine Pox innoculation, and were chosen for such purpose, Doctor's James Carter
Sam[l] Manning
Calvin Carter

Voted on the ninth article to commit the Subject matter thereof to Mess[rs] John Mayo said
Eli Stearns
John Thurston. who are hereby authorized to provide Knapsacks for the Militia Companies in this Town, agreable to the Report of a Committee on the same Subject which Report is accepted by the Town. See files

Militia.

Voted to dismiss the tenth article.

Voted to permit Aaron Johnson Calvin Johnson and Luther Johnson, to work out their highway taxes on the private way leading from said Aaron's to the Public Highway.

Voted on the 13th article, that a Committee be raised to take into Consideration the Circumstances of the several School Districts, and whether it is expedient for the Town to afford aid to any, and if necessary, what the amount of that aid shall be, and the term for which it may be granted. And were accordingly

1812 April. were chosen for said purpose.

Messrs. Paul Willard, William Gould,
John Goodwin, James Carter,
Moses Smith, John Thurston
Nathl. Low Solomon Carter
Jona. Wilder Eli Stearns
Joseph Leach John Wilder 2

March meeting. Proceedt. at Adjournt.

Voted and chose Messrs. Solomon Carter, Jacob Fisher and Samuel Wilder 2. a Committee for Singing School. - - - - - - - - -

Voted and chose Mr. Elijah Wilder Constable

Voted and chose Mr. Gawen Po Newman Pound keeper

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of May next 4 o'Clock P.M.

John Maynard Modr.

Attest Josiah Flagg Cler.

Prudential accots.

Here follows the Prudential accounts for the Year 1811. viz.

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster for the Year 1812. — —

Support of Poor.

James Dickinson	$17.40	Amount brought up	$267.89
Nathaniel White	78.00	Dolly Phelps	12.22
Rebecca Fletcher	12.30	Joel Phelps	6.52
William Larkin	7.96	Arch. McIntosh & wife	31.27
Moses Dickinson & wife	40.75	Francis Davis	5.17
Lucy Dickinson	12.95	Wm. Shearer, wife and Lydia Mansfield	50.35
Lydia Knight	10.00		
Jane Kendall	16.4	Sarah Deputron	30.90
Polly Wilder	11.66	Nahum Osgood	22.69
David Butler	11.40	Clarissa Douglass	62.75
Aaron Phelps decd.	83	Stephen Dickinson	9.84
Betty Brown	24.00	Rebecca Fletcher 2.	7.81
Samuel Dickinson	23.03	Stephen Clever & family	64.33
Timothy H. Curtiss	1.67	James Clark	8 —
	$267.89		$579.74

To Poor acco.t brot forward	579.74	Amount Contin.d	654.61	1812.
Otis Wilder	8.84	Rush Watches	11.61	April.
Lois Haskell	6.29	Support of Poor	442.74	
Sarah Wright	19.13	Doctoring the Poor	20 —	Prudential Accounts
Augustus Grenville	16.66	Overseeing Poor	45. —	Continued.
Jerusha Osgood's Acc.t up.	23.95			
	654.61		£ 1173.96	

Expence of Bridges viz.

Bonnikin Bridge	3 —	
White's ditto	12.25	
Atherton's ditto	2.77	
Center ditto	3.55	
Sprague's ditto	13.00	
Bennett's ditto	48.33	
Small Bridges	1	83.90

Expence of Schools viz.

Singing School	13.50	
Latin Grammar do.	330.80	
English Grammar do.	722.00	1066.30
Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer's Salary		525.
Assessing Taxes & taking valuation		131.96
Abatement of Taxes		50.66 182.62
New Shirley Road		821.91
Militia Companies		2.40
Meeting House		7.99
Pound		1.75
Postage of Letters		.29
Contingent expences		10.52
Recording Births and Deaths		4.80
Weights and Measures		9.95
Warning Town Officers		4.40
Entertainment of Town Officers		79.13
Centre Burying Ground		7.79
Stationary		4.97 956.90
		£ 3987.68

Lancaster Feby 28 1812. Moses Smith, Moses Emerson, John Ballard } Selectmen of Lancaster.

1812. April.

Prudential Accounts Continued.

Dr. The town of Lancaster in

1811.	June 3.	For town orders pr. Selectmens	Rec.t	$ 283.	57
	Nov. 4	" Town orders pr. Ditto	do.	469.	46
1812.	Jan. 6	" Town orders pr. Ditto	do.	1300.	45
	Feby 17	" Town orders pr. Ditto	do.	632.	64
	" 25	" Town orders pr. Ditto	do.	614.	64
	" 28	" Town orders pr. Ditto	do.	548.	61
	Mar. 2	" Town orders pr. Ditto	do.	50.	30
	"	" Ballance in Collector Wilder's hands		302.	24
	"	" Ballance in Treasurers hands		240	83
				$ 4442.	74

Moses Smith
Moses Emerson
John Ballard
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

Dr. Town of Lancaster, in

1812	March 2.	To sundry outstanding orders	219. 71
		" Collectors Commissions for 1811	92. 46
		" ballance in favour of the Town	280. 70
			$ 592. 87

Comm.ee Report.

Lancaster March 10. 1812. The Subscribers a Committee appointed by the Town at the last annual March meeting for the purpose of examining the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen the past Year, have attended the said service, and Report, that we find their accounts correctly stated, fairly kept and well vouched, and think them entitled to the thanks of the Town for their faithful and assiduous services. Jonas Lane
Jacob Fisher
Jos. Hiller

Account with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer (Cr.

1811. Mar. 5	By ballance of old account		$ 74.39	
	" ballance in Collector Farwells hands		61.47	
April 2	" Cash in ballance of Geo. Phelps note		3.8	
"	" Cash in part of another note of d°.		3.74	
"	" Cash received for Joel Wilder's note		8.15	
"	" Cash received for Moses Emerson d°.		21.3	171.86
	" Cash received for Thomas Safford d°.		21.3	
" 23	" Cash received for Jon^a. Buttricks D°		21.10	
May 6	" Cash in part for John Robbins D°		16.5	
June 3	" Town orders of Selectmen		8.–	
26	" Assessments for the year 1811		4026.74	4092.92
Sep 4	" Cash received for Jonas Lane note		38.–	
"	" Cash received of the Common wealth for support of W^m. Shearer		102	
1812. Feby. 25	" Cash recd on Abijah Phelps note		9.96	
28	" Cash received for James Carter D°		10.48	
Mar 2	" Town orders on account of Charlotte Sawyer		17.52	177.96
				$ 4442.74

Eli Stearns, Town Treasurer.

NB. There is also in the Treasurers hands twenty two dollars, which belong to the Militia Companies.

Account, (Cr.)

1812 Mar 2.	By Taxes in Collec^r. Wilder's hands uncollected	302.24
	" Cash in the Treasurers hands	240.83
	" Sundry notes supposed collectable	49.80
		$ 592.87

Moses Smith
Moses Emerson
John Ballard
} Select men of Lancaster.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1812. April. Jonathan Buttrick Tythingman, Benjamin Wyman, Assessor Elijah Wilder Constable. Gawen B. Newman, Poundkeeper. Joseph Leach Hogreeve.

Personally appeared, and took the oath prescribed by law for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective Offices to which they were severally chosen.

Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Seal

Worcester ss. To Mr Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster . . . Greeting.

warrant for May meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the Free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representative, and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house, on Monday the fourth day of May next, at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. —

1st To give in their votes for a Representative or Representatives, to the General Court for the Year ensuing.

2. To give in their votes for a Moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs. —

3. To choose an agent or agent to prosecute any Suit, that may be deemed necessary to institute, to affect the removal of Stephen Cleverly, and family, to their legal settlement

or act any thing thereon. — — — — — 1812.

4. To give leave to the District on the east side of the Neck to work so much of their highway Taxes as will keep the Neck Bridge in Repair or act any thing thereon. — — — — — — — May Warrant Contin'd.

5. To see if the Town will convey the Sargent Farm so called, to Stephen Sargent on condition, he produces sufficient bonds for the support of his Mother and Patience his Sister or act any thing thereon. — —

6. To Allow William Willard, Reuben Barrett, Luther Lyon, Moses Barrett & Salmon Willard, to work out their Highway Taxes, on the private way leading from Moses Barretts to Salmon Willard's or act any thing thereon.

7. To hear the Report of the Select men relative to a Road laid out from Bennett's Mills so called to the County Road leading from Boylstone to Whitings Tavern, or act any thing thereon. — — — —

8. To hear the Report of a Committee on the subject of employing Dr Smith to operate on the Eyes of Archibald McIntosh, or act any thing thereon. — — — —

Given under our hands and Seal this twentieth day of April A. D. 1812.

Edward Goodwin
Calvin Wilder } Select men of Lancaster

Worcester SS. Apr. 20. 1812. The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in Town affairs are hereby notified to meet at the time & place,

1812. May Warrant

and for the Purposes mentioned in the aforegoing Warrant.

Elijah Wilder } Constable of Lancaster

Return.

Worcester ss. May 4. 1812. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified as within mentioned to meet at the time and place, and for the Purposes therein specified, by posting the same at the meeting house, as the Law directs.

Elijah Wilder } Constable of Lancaster

Proceed of May meeting.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs duly assembled in pursuance to the warrant at the meeting house on Monday the fourth day of May A.D. 1812.

Voted that the town be represented in the General Court, the ensuing Year

Voted that two Representatives be chosen for said Purpose.

Two Representatives, Chosen.

The votes being called for by the Selectmen were Counted and sorted; and declaration there of made, and were as follow whole number 120.

Col. Jonas Lane had	68
Jacob Fisher	39
Jonah Flagg	10
John Thurston 1. Edward Goodwin 1. Sol. Cavert.	3

1812. May Meeting Proceed

The Selectmen declared that Col. Jonas Lane was duly elected

The votes were again called for and were as follow viz.

The whole number being . . 137.

Major Jacob Fisher had - 97

Josiah Flagg . . 38

Edward Goodwin . 1

Solomon Carter . 1.

The Selectmen declared that Major Jacob Fisher was duly elected.

The town then proceeded to the business of the warrant.

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Lane Mod.r

Voted and chose Moses Smith Esquire agent for the town, to prosecute any suit which may be necessary to institute, to effect the Removal of Stephen Cleverly and family to their legal Settlement.

Voted that a Sum not exceeding Fifteen Dollars, be expended by the District on the east side of the neck to be worked out on the neck bridge so Called under the direction of the Highway Surveyor of said district.

Voted that a Committee for the purpose be chosen, and authorized, to Convey the Sargent Farm so called to Stephen Sargent upon Condition that said Stephen pay the demand the Town

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has against the said Farm, and that he give Satisfactory security for the support of his Mother, and his sister Patience. and accordingly were chosen

Messrs Moses Smith
Edward Goodwin
Solomon Carter.

Voted that Messrs William Willard, Reuben Barrett, Luther Lyon Moses Barrett & Salmon Willard be permitted to work out all their Highway taxes if necessary, on the private way leading from Moses Barrett's to Salmon Willards under the direction of the highway Surveyor.

See files. Voted on the seventh article that the Selectmen's Report be not accepted.

See files Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on the Mo Intosh business.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Jonas Lane Modr.

March meeting opened.

Capt. Maynard Modr.

See files Voted to accept the Report of Committee on Messrs Poignand & Plant's Request

See files Voted to accept the Report of a Committee on School Business.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

John Maynard Modr.

Josiah Flagg Clerk

1812

Warrant

To Mr Elijah 2d Wilder Constable of the Town of Lancaster - - - - - Greeting

1st

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the 24th day of June instant at 4 o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz

1. To choose a Moderator - - -

2nd To petition the President of the United States to avert from us the calamities of War, if it can be done consistent with the honor and dignity of the nation, or to memorialize Congress on the subject of War, or adopt such other Constitutional measures as the alarming situation of our Country requires. -

Lancaster June 22. 1812. Edward Goodwin } Select men
Calvin Wilder } of Lancaster

NB. personal notice must be given.

Worcester ss. June 24 1812. Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned

Return.

Elijah 2 Wilder Constable of Lancaster

1812.

Proceed^s of June Meeting

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, duly warned and assembled at the meeting house in said Town, on Wednesday, the 24th day of June, Anno Domini 1812. — — — —

Voted and chose Major Joseph Hiller Mod^r.

Voted to commit the subject matter of the 2^d and 3^d article of the Warrant to a Committee of Seven, who are ordered to report at this meeting, and accordingly were Chosen vizt

Petition to Pres^t. to avert War.

Messrs. Jonathan Wilder
Moses Smith
Eli Stearns
Jacob Fisher
Joseph Wales
Josiah Bigelow
Jonas Lane

Voted to adjourn this meeting for one Hour.

The Committee came in and exhibited to the Town their Report, which was read. — The question by the Moderator, Shall this Report be accepted? the House being polled, when 185. were in the affirmative, and 15. in the negative.

See file 2.

Voted that the Selectmen cause a Copy of said Report, to be transmitted to the

President of the United States, and also a Copy for the Printer of the Sentinel. 1812. June 24.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Joseph Wilder Mod.r

Attest Josiah Wood Town Clerk.

Warrant for a Meeting, Aug.t 10.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the town of Lancaster, Greeting.

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to warn the Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday, the 10th day of August next, at five o'Clock P.M. (by giving personal notice, to each qualified voter, or by leaving a written notification at their usual places of abode) to act on the following Articles, viz.

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2. To choose one or more delegates to represent the Town of Lancaster in a County Convention, to be holden at Worcester. Also to choose a Committee of Correspondence, and any other Committees the Town may deem proper.

1812.
August 10th
Warrant Contin.

Given under our hands and seal this thirtieth day of July Anno Domini 1812.

Edward Goodwin
Joel Wilder
Calvin Wilder
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Return.

Worcester ss. August 8. 1812. By virtue of this Warrant, I have notified the freeholders, and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday the tenth of August instant, and for the purposes herein mentioned.

Elijah Wilder
} Constable of Lancaster.

Proceedings of a Meeting Aug. 10.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster assembled pursuant to a warrant & legally notified and warned by the Constable of said Town, this tenth day of August Anno Domini, 1812.

Voted and chose Joseph Hiller Esq. Modr.

Voted that the town be represented in the County Convention to be holden at Worcester, on Wednesday the 12th instant.

1812.

Proceed.ns Continued.

Voted, and chose the following Gentlemen as delegates to represent the Town in a County Convention viz.

Messieurs John Maynard
Jonathan Wilder
William Cleaveland

Delegates to Convention

Voted and chose a Committee of Correspondence and Public Safety, to consist of Five persons viz.

Messieurs Joseph Hiller
Jacob Fisher
Eli Stearns
Benj.a Wyman
John Thurston

Committee of Corresp.e & Safety.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Joseph Hiller Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Cler.

Seal

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the town of Lancaster . . Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Lancaster, on Monday the second day of November next, at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following par

Warrant for Novem.r Meeting 1812.

1812.
Warrant for Novem. Meeting.

purposes I say articles. viz —

1. To give in their votes for some person to represent the Worcester North Dis trict in the thirteenth Congress of the United States. — — — —

2. To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs. —

3. To accept a Road laid out by the Select men from the Bridge near Bennetts Mills to the County road leading from Boylston to Timothy D. Whiting's Inn. — — — —

Bienial Meeting.

4. To accept a Road laid out by the Select men from Jonathan Buttricks to Boylston line. — — — — — — — —

5. To amend the Rules and Regulations relative to scholars attending the latin Grammar School, or act any thing thereon. — — — — — — — —

6. To build a Stove after the Russian form in the latin Grammar School house or act any thing thereon. — —

7. To adopt such measures as the Town may deem proper, relative to a suit com menced in the name of Timothy D. Whiting against Benjamin Wyman, Jacob Fisher and Edward Goodwin, for neglecting upon & Collecting a Tax of said Whiting in the year 1810. or act any thing relating thereto. —

Given under our hands & Seal this nine teenth day of October A. D. 1812.

Edward Goodwin
Calvin Wilder
Selectmen of Lancaster

Copy
Attest J. Clapp Town Clerk

1812.

Warrant In Continuation.

Notification.

"Worcester ss. Octo. 19 1812. By virtue of this warrant, I hereby notify and warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Lancaster, on Monday the second day of November next at 1 o'clock P.M. for the Purposes of acting on the foregoing Warrant. — —

Copy Elijah Wilder } Constable of Lancaster

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk.

Return.

Bienial.

"Worcester ss. November 2. 1812. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in Town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the Warrant by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs. — — — Elijah Wilder } Constable of Lancaster

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk.

Proceedings.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on Monday the second day of November, being the first monday of said month, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twelve, for the Purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of said Commonwealth in the Congress

1812. Novem. Biennial meeting. For Representative, to Congress.

of the United States, for the Worcester North District. — Votes for the following persons were given in, sorted, counted, and declaration thereof made as by law is directed to wit.

For Hon. Abijah Bigelow Esq. One hundred and forty five. - - - - - - - 145

For Col. Edmund Cushing Twenty. 20

" Moses Smith Esq. One. 1

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Meeting opened for Town affairs.

Voted and chose Moses Smith Esq Modr.

Voted to pass over the 3d article to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to pass over the 4th article to the adjournment.

Voted to Commit the subject matter of the fifth article to a Committee chosen for the purpose viz. Messrs Jonathan Wilder

Moses Smith, Jno Thurston
Jno Davis Jr. Eli Stearns
Samuel Wilder, 2d Jacob Fisher } Comte

Voted to Commit the subject of the 6th article to the Select men.

Voted to pass over the 7th article to the adjournment

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 12th instant at 2 O'Clock. P.M.

Moses Smith Moderator.

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Worcester Ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the town of Lancaster. Greeting:— 1812. Nov. 12th. Warrant.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives, to assemble at the meeting House in said Town on Thursday the twelfth day of November instant at 1 Oclock P.M. to give in their votes for six persons as Electors of President and Vice President of the United States. — Given under our hands and Seal this second day of November 1812.

Edward Goodwin
Joel Wilder
Calvin Wilder
Selectmen of Lancaster

Copy Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk

Worcester Ss. November 2. 1812. By Virtue of this warrant I hereby notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes of the within mentioned Warrant. Elijah Wilder (Constable of Lancaster) Notification.

Copy attr J Flagg Clerk

Worcester Ss. November 12. 1812 On the within Warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote on the foregoing warrant to meet at the time and place and for the purposes of the within. Elijah Wilder (Constable of Lancaster) Return.

Copy Attr J Flagg Clerk

1812.

Novem. 12th. Proceedings.

At a legal meeting held at Lancaster in the county of Worcester on the twelfth day of November in the year 1812. for the Choice of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, the votes being called for by the Selectmen were sorted and counted, and declaration thereof made, the whole number was 208. and of which number,

Electors Chosen.

Benjamin Heywood Esq. of Worcester had One hundred & eighty six.
Eleazer James, Esq. Barre, One hundred & eighty six.
George Bliss, Esq. Springfield. One hundred & eighty six.
Ephraim Williams, Esq. Deerfield One hundred & eighty six.
Isaac Maltby, Esq. Westfield. One hundred & eighty six.
John W. Hulbert, Esq. Pittsfield. One hundred & eighty six.
Hon. William Walker. Lenox. Twenty Two.
Pliny Merrick, Esq. Brookfield. Twenty Two.
Moses White, Esq. Rutland. Twenty Two.
Thomas Shepard, Esq. North Hampton. Twenty Two.
Solomon Smead Esq. Greenfield. Twenty Two.
Jere. Stebbins, Esq. West Springfield Twenty Two.

Town Affairs.

Meeting opened for Town affairs by adjournment of the second Instant.

Voted That the Report of the Selectmen, relative to a Road from Bennetts Mills, be filed in the Town Clerks office, and further Consideration thereof, subject to be called up, at any time when the Town may think proper. See files.

Voted to dismiss the 4th article of the Warrant.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was Referred the Subject of the 5th article viz.

School Regulations.

"Your Committee within named have attended the Service assigned them, and report as their opinion, that no Child ought to attend the Latin Grammar School except by permission of the Selectmen, unless

he or she can read in the plain easy lessons by spelling the same,

1812. Nov. 12. Proceeds.

Lancaster Nov. 12 1812. Jon^a Wilder Pr Order.

Voted to dismiss the seventh article.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

School Regulation.

Moses Smith Mod^r.

Att^r Josiah Flagg Town Cler.

The following is a Statement of taxes assessed upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1812.

Assessors Certificate of Assessment of Taxes.

Town Tax	$ 2875.00
Surplus in making	3.55
D^o in making State Tax	6.71
Minister Tax	525.00
Surplus making Minister	7.19
State Tax	325.33
County Tax	97.18
	$ 3839.96
One poll added 3.33 old charge to Collector Wilder for year 1811. 0.62 also error in cast as Pr Collectors book appears 2.42	6.37
	$ 3846.33

Lancaster August 11th 1812.

Jacob Fisher
Benj^a Wyman
Solomon Carter
Assessors of Lancaster

A true Copy

Att^r Josiah Flagg Town Cler.

1813. March 1st Warrant. seal,

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster . . . . Greeting.

In the name of the commonweaelth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders, and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in Town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting House on Monday the first day of March next, at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
2. To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing.
3. To raise Money necessary to defray the expences of the Town the current year and appropriate the same.
4. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.
5. To choose a committee to superintend the innoculation of the Kine Pox the year ensuing.

Edward Goodwin
Joel Wilder
Calvin Wilder
Selectmen of Lancaster

Lancaster Feb. 15. 1813.

Notification.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in Town affairs, to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant. Elijah Wilder, Constable.

1813

Worcester ss. March 1. 1813. On the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at this place, at the time, and for the purposes of the within Warrant. Elijah Wilder } Constable of Lancaster

March

Return.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Town Officers, and in Town affairs, assembled pursuant to the Warrant for purposes therein mentioned, this first day of March Anno Domini 1813. After the warrant, the list of Voters was read; The Town then proceeded in the Business of the Meeting.

Proceedings of March meetg.

Voted and chose Capt John Maynard Modr.

Prayers were then offered. The Law against Prophane Cursing &c. was read.

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

The Selectmen, and Treasurers Accounts were then exhibited, and their examination was Committed to Messrs. Moses Smith
Jonas Wilder
Jacob Fisher.

Voted and Chose Mr Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Voted and chose Messrs. Moses Emerson
John Thurston
Samuel Manning } Select Men.

Voted and Chose Messrs. Benja Wyman
Jacob Fisher
Solo Carter } Assessors

1813 March Meeting Proceedings Continued

Voted and chose, Messrs. Eli Stearns, Solomon Carter, Robert Hudson jun., John Ballard, Jona. Wilder, John Burditt, Joel Wilder, Elisha Saunderson, Eliphaz Ballard, Joel Rugg, Aaron Jones, Thomas Burpee, Joseph Rugg. — Surveyors of Highways.

Voted and chose, Messrs. Moses Smith, Josiah Bridge, Eli Stearns. — Committee for Visiting Schools & School Masters.

Voted and chose, Revd. Mr. Thayer, Messrs. Samuel Ward, Eben. Torrey, Joseph Miller, Moses Smith, Samuel Manning, Paul Sweetser, Moses Emerson, Tho. Safford, John Davis, William Gould, John Mayna 2d. — Committee to Visit the Schools.

Voted and chose, Messrs. Stephen Laighton, Levi Preswll, Joseph Farwell 2d., Amos Sawyer. — Field Drivers.

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Lane, Sealer of Leather.

Voted and chose Messrs. Caleb Lincoln, Jonas Whitney, Abijah White, Joel Wilder. — Fence Viewers.

Voted and chose Jacob Tisher, Eli Stearns. — Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted and chose Messrs. Moses Jones, Paul Faulkner, Pliny Newhall, Daniel Newhall, John Sargent 2d., Joel Rugg, Calvin Johnson, Calvin Tolman, John Carter Jun., Moses Rice. — Hog Reeves.

1813. Proceed of March meeting

Voted and chose Messrs. Solomon Carter, Moses Smith, Abraham Mallard. } Deer Reeves

Voted and chose Messrs John Goss 2d and Charles E. Knight } Tything Men.

Voted and chose Joseph Wilder, Luke Wilder, Abraham Bruce, Jno Thurston Jr. } Fish wardens

Voted and chose Messrs John Hawks Jr. Abel Butler } Cullers of Staves.

Voted and chose the following Persons to take Care of the River Bridges. — Viz —

Mr Abijah Rogers for Spragues Bridge
" James Mallard " Bennetts do.
" Abner Pollard " Center do.
" John Maynard " Quasiponiken do.
" Jonathan Wilder " Athertons do.
" Jeremiah Dyar " Whiles do.

Voted and Chose Mr Abijah Rogers. Poundkeeper

Voted and chose Messrs Jona Wilder, Edward Goodwin, Thomas Howe, Josiah Bridge, Nathl Low } Wood & Bark Measures

Voted to pass over the 3d Article. — — — —

The votes being called, for a County Treasurer, Samuel Allen Esq, had the whole number being Eighty one! — —

Voted and chose Messrs Saml Manning, Calvin Carter, Thos Safford } Comee to Superintend Innocular Kine Pox

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at 4 o'clock P.M. —

Attest — Josiah Flagg Clerk. Jno Maynard Modr.

Worcester ss. March 1. 1813. Moses Emerson, John Thurson and Samuel Manning, Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster, were sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of their duties as respects all elections, and the Returns thereof.

Select Men Sworn.

Before me, Josiah Flagg Jus. Pacis.

Worcester ss. March 1. 1813. Josiah Flagg Town Clerk of Lancaster, was sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of his office, the current year and until another is chosen and sworn in his room. Before me, Moses Smith Jus. Pacis.

Town Clerk Sworn.

Lancaster March 11th 1812. Personally appeared on the first day of March instant, and between that time and the date hereof Eli Stearns Treasurer Jacob Fisher and Solomon Carter Assessors. Eli Stearns Solomon Carter, Robert Hudson jun, Jonathan 2d Wilder, John Burditt, Joel Wilder, Elisha Sanderson, Eliphaz Ballard, Joel Rugg, Aaron Jones, Thomas Burpee, Joseph Rugg, John Ballard, Surveyors of Highways. John Foss 2d. Charles Knight Tything Men. Moses Jones, Pliny Newhall, Daniel Newhall, John Sargant 2. Joel Rugg Jno Carter Jr. Hog-reeves. Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns Surveyors of Lumber. John Hawks Jr. Abel Butler Surveyors of Staves. Abijah Rogers Pound Keeper. Stephen Laughton, Levi Prescott Joseph Farwell 2. Amos Sawyer Field drivers. Joseph Wilder Luke Wilder, and John Thurston 2. Fish Wardens. Caleb Lincoln, Jonas 2 Whitney, Abijah 2 White Joel 2 Wilder Fence Viewers. Jonathan 2 Wilder Edward Goodwin, Nathaniel Lowe Measurers of Wood.

Town Officers Sworn.

Solomon Carter Moses Smith Dea. Reeves 1813.
were severally sworn to the faithful perform- March
ance of the duties of the Respective Offices business.
to which they were severally elected for the year
ensuing according to law before

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

April 5. 1813. Benjamin Wyman, Assessor, and
Benjamin Farnsworth 2d. Highway Surveyor,
were sworn to the faithful performance of the
duties of their Offices before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the
1st Town of Lancaster . . . . . Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of April
Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify 2d Warrant.
and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants
of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Gov-
ernour, Lieutenant-Governour, Senators, Coun-
sellors and in Town Affairs to assemble at the
meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth
day of April next at one o'clock P. M. to act on
the following Articles viz. - - - - - -

1st To bring in their votes for Governour, Lieut.
Governour, Senators and Counsellors for the Year
ensuing.

2d To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting
in Town Affairs.

3d To restrain Neat Cattle, Horses Asses and
Mules, from going at large, on the Common or high
ways, the ensuing year, or act any thing relating thereto.

1813. April 7th Warrant.

4th To Consider the propriety of appropriating a part of the Highway Taxes, in the district on the east side of the neck, to repair the old neck Bridge and the Bridge near Mrs. Locke's, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — —

Given under our Hands and Seal, this twenty second day of March A.D. 1813.

John Thurston
Moses Emerson
Samuel Manning
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Notification.

Worcester Ss. March 22. 1813. The Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the Choice of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Counsellors, and in Town affairs, are hereby notified to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the aforegoing Warrant.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

Return.

Worcester Ss. April 5th 1813. On the within Warrant I have notified the Freeholders and others Inhabitants to appear at this place and Time and for the purposes of the within warrant.

Elijah Wilder } Constable of Lancaster.

Copies Attest

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1813.
Proceedings of April Meeting

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor Counsellors and Senators and in Town affairs, holden on the fifth day of April, being the first Monday of said Month, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight Hundred and Thirteen, for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor Lieut. Governor Senators and Counsellors for the North District of Worcester, The whole number of Votes given in, were sorted, counted recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed. Whole number was 288. and were for the following Persons viz.—

For Governor.

His Excellency Caleb Strong. 226.
Hon. Joseph B. Varnum, 62.

For Lieutenant Governor.

His Honor William Phillips, 226.
Hon. William King. - - 62.

Votes for Governor &c &c.

For Senators and Counsellors.—

Hon. Silas Holman, - - - 226
" Solomon Strong . 226.
Moses White Esquire . . 61.
Edmund Cushing Esquire . 61.
Capt Samuel Polilicker . . 1.

1813.

Proceedings of April Meeting Continued.

The Town proceeded on the business of the Warrant Voted and chose Capt Maynard Mod.r

Voted to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses, Mules & Asses from going at large on the Commons and Highways under the same Regulations as heretofore.

Voted that leave be given to Messrs Locke's to work out and expend a sum not exceeding the taxes set to them in the Surveyors List, on their Road and Bridge so Called, under the direction of the Surveyor of Highways in the district where they are inhabitants. — — — — —

Provision made for Repairs of the Neck & Locke's Bridges.

Voted that a Sum not exceeding Twenty dollars of the Taxes in the Surveyors List be worked out and expended on the Repairs of the old Neck bridge under the direction of the Highway Surveyor of the District to which it belongs. — — — —

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

John Maynard Moderator.

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

March Meeting Adjournment.

The Town then proceeded in the unfinished business of March Meeting

Voted and chose Benjamin Farnsworth 2d an Highway Surveyor for the District where of Mr Samuel Damon is an Inhabitant, provided the Assessors deem it expedient to divide the District No 4. — — — —

Highway money, 800 dollars.

Voted to lay out and expend Eight Hundred Dollars on the Publick Highways in Town after the usual way and manner of working out such Appropriations. —

Voted to raise the Sum of Three thousand two Hundred Dollars, to defray the expenses of the Town the ensuing year, and appropriate the same as follows viz.

1813.

Adjournment of March Meeting Continued

Monies.

3200 dlls

	$
For Rev Mr Thayer's Salary	525.
Latin Grammar School	278.
English Grammar School	722.
Singing School	30.

Voted and Chose Mr Elijah Wilder Constable.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

John Maynard Mod.r

attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster for the passed year.

Prudential Accts

Support of Poor,

	$		
Daniel Godfrey	77.12	Lydia Mansfield	6.56
Daniel Knight	22.88	Willm Shearer & Wife	20.26
Daniel Johnson	287.70	Francis Davis & Wife	5.57
Poor pr Contract	753.39	Archibald McIntosh	5.47
Ruth Fletcher	8.95	Dolly Phelps	1.89
Jerusha Osgood	14.61	Emily Willard	.58
Augustus Grenville	16.66	Samuel Dickinson	10.3
Lois Haskell	1.5	Betty Brown	8.3
Otis Wilder	10.60	David Butler	31.67
James Clark & Wife	3.25	Jane Kendall	5.60
Stephen Cleverly & family	77.46	Lydia Knight	11.5
Rebeckah Fletcher 2d	6.61	Mercy Manning	40.50
Stephen Dickinson	1.75	Lucy Dickinson	8.40
Clarissa Douglas	2	Moses Dickinson & Wife	12.58
Sarah Deputron	11.56	William Larkin	5.84
	1295.59	Rebecca Fletcher	2.92
	176.95		176.95
	$ 1472.54	Card over	

1813. April Prudential Accounts Continued.

For support of Poor amount brought forward			1472.54
Jacob Fuier. 4.	Mercy Manning 39		
Nath[l] White 78	Funeral Expenses 11		181.27
James Dickinson 4.27	Overseeing Poor 45.		
86.27	95		
Latin Grammar School	298.36		1653.81
English Grammar School	722-		1020.36
Bennetts Bridge	9.12		
Sprague's Bridge	87.36		
Center Bridge	4.35		
Atherton's Bridge	9.20		
White's Bridge	11.29		
Ponnichin Bridge	25.80		
Small Bridges	4.56		147.68
Center burying Ground	4.75		
Old Common burying Ground	4.18		8.93
Rev[d] Nath[l] Thayer's Salary	525.		
Town Pound	34.45		
Repairs of Meeting House	13.35		
Support of Militia Companies	134.33		
Collection of Taxes	92.47		
Singing School expences	57.13		
Recording Births and Deaths	6.48		
Warning Town Meetings	15.26		
Assessing Taxes	59.81		
Abatement of Taxes	76.80		
Entertainment of Town Officers	55.50		
Contingent expences	34.80		
Stationary	1.90		1107.28
			£3938.06

Edward Goodwin
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder
} Select men of Lancaster.

Feb[y] 20. 1813.

Dr. The Town of Lancaster in account with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer. — — 1813.

Prudential Accos. Contin'd

1812		$
June 1.	For town orders pr Select mens Receipts	491.72
Dec 7	For town orders pr Select mens Receipts	668.88
1813		
Feb 24	For town orders pr Select mens Rect	1625.29
26.	For Town orders pr Select mens Rect.	1020.91
Mar 1	For Town orders pr Select mens Rect.	222.41
	For ballance in Collector Wilders hands	102.28
		$ 4131.49

Supra Contra.

1812.		
March 2	By ballance of old acco brot forward.	240.83
	By ballance in Collector Wilders hands	302.24
July 8	By Cash recd of the Commonwealth for support of Wm Shearer	88.66
Octo. 15	By Cash for Robert Townshend, note	4.69
	By assessments of the present year	3423.82
1813		
Feby 26	By Town orders & Cash recd of Select men	69.71
	By Cash recd for John Kallard's acct.	56
	Ballance due the Treasurer	98
		4131.49

Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Edward Goodwin
Joel Wilder
Calvin Wilder
} Select Men.

A true Copy attest Josiah Flagg Cler.

1813 Prudentials Contin.d

Dr Town of Lancaster in Account

To Sundry outstanding Orders	℔ 124.8
" Collectors Commissions for 1812	77 -
" Cash advanced by the Treasurer	98
	℔ 202.06

Supra Contra.

By Taxes in Collectors Wilders hands	102.28
" Sundry notes & accts Supposed Collectible	50 -
Ballance against the Town	49.78
	℔ 202.06

Edward Goodwin
Joel Wilder
Colvin Wilder
} Select men of Lancaster.

Report of Committee on Accounts.

Your Committee appointed to examine the Select men's and Treasurer's accounts for the Year past, have attended that service, and report that their respective accounts have been regularly kept, accurately cast and properly vouched.

Moses Smith
Jon.a Wilder
Jacob Fisher
} Committee

The Town voted to accept the Report of the Committee, to whom was referred the examination of the Select Men's & Treasurers Accounts.

True Copies Attest

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster. Greeting. — — —

1813. May Warrant.

Seal. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby directed to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house on Monday the third of May next, at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. — —

1st To give in their votes for a Representative or Representatives to the General Court the year ensuing. — — — —

+ 3d To revise, confirm, or alter the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen agreable to a late Law of the Commonwealth, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — —

4th To allow William Willard, Reuben Barrett, Luther Lyon, Moses Barrett, and Salmon Willard to work out their highway Taxes, on the private way leading from Moses Barretts to Salmon Willard's or act any thing thereon. — — — — — —

5th To allow Oliver Houghton the privilege of working out his highway taxes on the private way leading from his house to the County road or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — —

6th To alter the intermission on Sundays or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — —

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of April AD 1813.

John Thurston
Saml Manning
} Selectmen of Lancaster

+ 2nd Act of the warrant omitted, "To give in their votes for a Moderator, to govern the Meeting in Town affairs.

1813 May

Warrant Contin.

Worcester ss. April 19. 1813. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in Town affairs are hereby notified to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Notification.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

Return.

Worcester ss. May 3d 1813. On the within Warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote on the within Warrant to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting the same at the meeting House as the law directs.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

Proceedings.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives, and in town affairs, duly assembled in pursuance of the Warrant, on Monday the third day of May A.D. 1813.

Voted that the Town be Represented in the General Court of this Commonwealth.

The votes for a Representative being called for by the Selectmen, were sorted and counted the whole Number was One Hundred and fifty nine 159

Jacob Fisher Esquire had ..... 155. 1813.
Moses Smith Esquire " ..... 2. May
William Gould " ..... 1. Proceedg.
John Thurston " ..... 1.
159.

Voted to send another Representative to the General Court. — — The Votes being called for were sorted and Counted the whole number was One hundred and seventy four 174.

Capt. William Cleaveland had 95
Moses Smith Esquire " ..... 47.
Josiah Flagg " ..... 28.
Aaron Jones " ..... 2.
Solomon Carter " ..... 1.
Joseph Leach " 1. 174

Und Declaration was made by the Selectmen of the whole number of Votes and that the said Jacob Fisher Esq. and Capt William Cleaveland were duly elected.

The town then proceeded on the business of the Warrant. — — — —

Voted and chose Moses Smith Esq. Moderator

Voted to Commit the list prepared by the Selectmen for Jurors to a Committee for Revision if necessary, and were chosen for said purpose

Mess.rs Jon.a Wilder
Calvin Wilder
Edward Goodwin
Epph.m Emerson
Joel Wilder
Jonas Lane
Joseph Wales, who

List of Jurors Regulated. —

reported a list, which was ordered by the Town to be read, and the Town accepted it as reported by the Committee. — — —

1813. May Proceedg Contin.d

Voted on the 4th article to permit William Willard Reuben Barrett, Luther Lyon, Moses Barrett & Salmon Willard to work out their highway Taxes, on the private way leading from Moses Barrett's to Salmon Willard's under the direction of the District Surveyor. — — — —

Voted on the fifth article, to allow Oliver Houghton to work out his highway Taxes on the way leading from his House to the public Highway under the direction of the District Surveyor. — — —

Voted to dismiss the 6th article. — — — —

Voted to dissolve this meeting. — —

Moses Smith Moder.r

True Copies

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Assessors Certificate 1813.

Josiah Flagg Esq Town Clerk for Lancaster. Sir We have assessed the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of said Town of Lancaster for the year 1813. as follows viz

Town Tax	$.2675 —
Minister Salary . .	525 —
State Tax . . .	386.66
County Tax	72.89
Surplusage in making all the Taxes	18.49
	$3678.04

which we have committed to Elijah Wilder with sufficient Warrants agreeably to law to collect the same. Lancaster

July 24 1813. Recd & recorded this 14 Sep. 1813. a true Copy attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Jacob Fisher.
Solomon Carter.
Benj Wyman.
Assessors.

1813.

Selectmen's Warrant of Appointment to Perambulate Town Lines.

We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster by virtue of a law of this Common wealth in such case made and provided do hereby nominate and appoint Jacob Fisher, Caleb Lincoln and Solomon Carter to perambulate run and renew the dividing lines between the said Town of Lancaster, and the following Towns viz. Harvard Shirley, Lunenburge Leominster Sterling Boylston and Berlin and you are to make return of your proceedings into the Clerk's Office of said Lancaster as soon as may be. Given under our hands this 9th day of October A.D. 1813.

Moses Emerson
Saml Manning
} Selectmen of Lancaster

A true Copy attest
Josiah Flagg Clerk.

Return.

Lancaster October 15 1813.

Pursuant to the within warrant we have perambulated the lines and renewed the marks and monuments between the Town of Lancaster, and the several towns within named, in the following Order viz. between Lancaster and Harvard on monday the 11th of October instant with the assistance

1813. Perambulation of Town Lines Document

of Capt. Joseph Willard a Selectman of said Town. Same day between Lancaster and Shirley with Capt John Edgerton one of Shirley Selectmen, and Nathaniel Livermore an agent for said Shirley, Same day between Lancaster and Lunenburg, without any assistance, the town of Lunenburg having no Selectman or agents present — Between Lancaster & Leominster on Tuesday the 12th of October Dr David Wilder and Abel Carter two Selectmen being present only at one Corner — Between Lancaster and Sterling on Wednesday the 13th October with Capt Elijah Kenneston and Benjamin Bailey two Selectmen of Sterling; — Between Lancaster & Boylston Thursday the 14th October with Aaron Whitcomb John Andrews and Amory Temple Selectmen of Boylston; — Same day between Lancaster and Berlin with Adam Bartlett and Abram Sawyer two of the Selectmen of said Berlin, all of whom with the Subscribers Agents for the town of Lancaster were fully satisfied and content with all the lines marks and monuments renewed and erected.

Jacob Fisher
Solomon Carter
Caleb Lincoln

A true Copy
Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1813
Dec. 20
1813.

Worcester ss. To Mr Elijah Wilder constable of the town of Lancaster Greeting

Warrant

You are hereby required in the name of the commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the meeting house in said Town on monday the 20th day of December instant at 2 o'clock P.M. for the following Purposes viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2. To make provision for rebuilding the Bridge known by the name of the Atherton Bridge and any other Bridge that may be found necessary to rebuild or repair — or act any thing relating thereto. — — — —

Given under our hands and seal this 6th day of December A.D. 1813.

Moses Emerson
John Thurston
Samuel Manning
Select men of Lancaster

Dec. 6. 1813. I hereby notify and warn the freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at the time and place & for the Purposes of the above Warrant

Notification

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

Dec. 20. 1813. I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the Purpose of the within Warrant.

Return

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

1813. At a meeting of the freeholders and
Dec. 20. other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster
Proceed. qualified to vote in Town affairs.

Voted and chose Capt John Maynard Mod.

Voted and chose the following Gentlemen
a Committee to view and report their opinion
of the Necessity of Rebuilding the Atherton Bridge so called, who were ordered
to report at this meeting Viz.

Eli Stearns, Jon.a Wilder
Jacob Fisher, Jno Thurston
Edward Goodwin Jonas Lane
Moses Emerson.

Meeting adjourned ½ hour.

Atherton Bridge, Business. The Committee came in and reported verbally by Mr Stearns "That it is actually necessary to rebuild the Atherton Bridge as soon as the season will admit of it, which Report was accepted.

Voted to Rebuild the Atherton Bridge similar in Construction to the Center Bridge.

Voted that a Committee be chosen to make Contracts for, and superintend the building of the Atherton Bridge in as economical a manner as is possible for the Interests of the Town.

Voted that the Committee Consist of Three and were Chosen for said purpose Messrs

Eli Stearns, Jacob Fisher, Jno Thurston

and that there be also a Committee to examin

Bennetts, and Wicapikit Bridges and all the Bridges of Considerable magnitude in Town and Report the Condition thereof at the next March Meeting, and were Chosen for said Purpose Mess.rs Jacob Fisher, Thomas Ballard, Eli Stearns. Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

John Maynard Modr

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk

1813 Dec 20 Proceed.s

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the Town of Lancaster . . . Greeting.

1814 Feb.y 21.st Meet.g Warant.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 28.th day of Feb.y inst.t at one Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz. - - - - -

1.st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

2.d To consider the propriety of petitioning the legislature of this Common wealth to adopt such Constitutional Measures, as to them shall seem necessary relative to the oppressive operation of the late embargo Law of the United States, as well as to insure to the people of this Common wealth, their Rights as Citizens

1814. Feby 21 and as a State, or act any thing relating thereto.

Warrant Contin.d Given under our hands and seal this seventh day of February eighteen hundred and fourteen.

Samuel Manning
Moses Emerson
John Thurston (Select men of Lancaster

Notification. Worcester SS. Feby 7. 1814 The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified and warned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Elijah Wilder } Constable of Lancaster

Return. Worcester S.S. Feby 21. 1814. On the within Warrant I have notified as the Law directs

Elijah Wilder (Constable of Lancaster

True Copies of the Warrant, Notification and Return Pr Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

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Proceedings At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled in Pursuance of the Warrant and Notification this 21st day of February A.D 1814.

Voted and chose Capt John Maynard, Modr.

Voted to Commit the subject matter of the second article of the Warrant to a Committee of five and accordingly were chosen for said

purpose Messrs. Eli Stearns, Moses Smith, 1814
Jon.a Wilder, Jonas Lane Feb 7 25.
Samuel Manning. Meeting
Voted to adjourn this meeting one half hour Proceed.g
for the Committee to attend the business Contin.d
assigned them. The committee came
in and Reported as follows —

Lancaster Feb 7. 25. 1814

The Committee appointed by the Town Report.
at their meeting held this day for the pur
pose of Considering the second article in the
Warrant, have attended to that subject and re
port, that considering the present session of
the General Court is near closing, and also
the small glimmering prospect that a peace
may take place, and the oppressive restricti
ons on Commerce be removed: We there
fore recommend to the Town, to refer the fur
ther Consideration of said Article to the
first Monday in May next at 3 o'clock
in the afternoon. — — Eli Stearns.
Moses Smith.
Jon.a Wilder. Com.ee
Jonas Lane.
Sam.l Manning

Voted to accept the said Report.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first
Monday in May next at three o'clock
in the afternoon. John Maynard Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1814. Worcester Ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the town of Lancaster . . . Greeting.

Seal.

Warrant for March Meeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the 7th day of March next at 1 o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz. — — — — —

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting. — —

2nd To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing. — —

3d To raise money necessary to defray the expences of the Town the current year and appropriate the same. — —

4th To give in their votes for County Treasurer

*6th To see if the Town will discontinue the road leading from Benjamin Farnsworth 2d to Consider Studlys, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — — —

7th To see if the Town will indemnify Benjamin Wyman, Jacob Fisher, & Edward Goodwin, late Assessors, against whom a suit was brought by Timo. D. Whiting on the ground of an illegal assessment, for necessary expences they have incurred in defending against

* 5th Article To choose a Committee to superintend the Innovation of the Time Pr in this Town the ensuing year, or act any thing relating thereto.

said suit, or act any thing relating thereto. —

8th To hear the report of your Committee on the second article of the December meeting Warrant and act any thing relating thereto. —

9th To see if the Town will allow John and Bartholomew Savory & Peter Sawyer to work out the amount of their highway Taxes on the way leading from their respective dwellings to the highway under the direction of the highway Surveyor. — — — — — — —

Given under our hands and Seal this 25th day of February 1814.

Samuel Manning }
Moses Emerson } Select men
John Thurston } of Lancaster.

1814.
March 2
Warrant
Contin.

Worcester Ss. Feb.y 25. 1814. On the above Warrant, I hereby notify and warn the free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town of Lancaster qualified to vote on the above to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes above mentioned. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester Ss. March 7. 1814. pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the freeholders & the Inhabitants qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives Town Officers and in town affairs to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the within warrant, by posting the same at the meeting house as the Law directs. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

True Copies of the March Warrant Notification & Return. Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Return

1814.

Proceedings of March meeting

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town Affairs and in Town affairs, assembled in pursuance of the Warrant on Monday the seventh day of March Anno Domini 1814.

List of Voters read.

Voted and chose Capt John Maynard Moder

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

The Selectmen's and Treasurer's accounts were exhibited and their examination was Committed to Mess.rs Jacob Fisher
Jonas 2d Whitney
Caleb Lincoln.

The town then proceeded to the further in the choice of their Officers. — Viz.

Voted and chose Mr Eli Stearns Treasurer

" " " Mess.rs Moses Emerson
John Thurston
Samuel Manning } Selectmen

Voted and chose
Mess.rs Benjamin 2d Wyman
Jacob Fisher
Solomon Carter. } Assessors.

Voted and chose the following persons Surveyors of Highways. viz. Mess.rs Pliny Newhall
John Lyon, Simon Butler, John Goss 2d,
Thomas Sawyer, Moses Emerson, Eph.m Rugg,
Silas Thurston, Paul Willard Tho.s Bullard
Alpheus Carter, Charles C. Knight
David Hayden, Benj.a Farnsworth 2d.

1814.

Proceed.rs March meeting Contin.d

Voted and chose
Mess.rs Moses Smith
Samuel Manning
Josiah Bridge
} Comm.r for Hiring Latin G. School master

Voted and chose Mess.rs Eli Stearns
Edward Goodwin
Joseph Wales
} Committee to prepare a list of School Visit.d Committee

Voted and chose the following persons a Committee to visit the Schools viz.
Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer, Eben.r Torrey,
Samuel Ward, Jacob Sweetser,
William Cleaveland, Jonathan Wilder,
Samuel Manning, Josiah Bridge,
Jonas Lane, Joel Wilder, Tho.s Ballard,
Joseph Leach, Calvin Wilder.

Voted and chose Mess.rs Elias Emerson
Ephraim Whitney
Moses Barrett
Eph.m Carter
} Field Drivers

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Lane, Seal.r of Leather
and also Voted that the Selectmen provide a Seal for the Sealer of Leather.

Voted and Chose Mess.rs Caleb Lincoln
Jonas Whitney
Abijah White
Joel Wilder.
} Fence Viewers

Voted and chose
Mess.rs Jacob Fisher
Jon.a Buttrick
} Surveyors Boards & Shingles

Voted and chose the following persons Hog reeves. Viz.
Moses Emerson, John Taylor, Charles Ehnight,
David Richardson, Joseph Upton, Prentiss Pond,
Amory Harris, James Rugg, Eph.m Fales,
Windsor Barnard,

1814. Proceeding March Meeting in Continuation.

Voted and chose Messrs Timo Whiting, Jacob Sweetser, Joseph Rugg Deer reeves.

Voted and chose Messrs John Robbins, Charles E Knight } Tything men.

Voted and chose Messrs John Hawk's Jun. Abijah White } Cullers Staves.

Voted and chose the following persons to make small repairs when necessary, on the several River Bridges in Town. Viz.

For Spragues Bridge, Abijah Rogers.
" Bennetts " Abraham Mallard
" Center " Abner Pollard
" Quasiponikin " John Maynard
" Atherton's " Jonathan Wilder,
" White's " John White.

Voted and chose Messrs Eli Stearns Jonas Lane John Thurston, James Carter Fish wardens.

Voted and chose Mr Oliver Carter Pound keeper.

Voted and chose Messrs Jonathan Wilder, Edward Goodwin, Thomas Howe, Josiah Bridge, Nath Lowe } Wood measurers.

Voted and chose Doctor Saml Manning, " James Carter, " Calvin Carter } Comee to Superintend Innoculation Kine Pox

Voted and chose Esq Smith, Capt Goodwin, Major Carter } A Comee to Superintend Singing.

1814. March Meeting. Proceed^g Contin^d

Voted to pass over the 3^d & 4th articles of the Warrant to Adjournment of this meeting. —

Voted to refer the sixth article to the Consideration of the Select men. — — —

Voted to Commit the subject matter of the 7th article to Josiah Flagg, Samuel Manning and Eli Stearns, who are ordered to report at the adjournment of this meeting. —

Voted on the 8th article of the Warrant to accept the Report of a Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the 2nd article of December meeting Warrant. — Also voted that the same Committee viz Jacob Fisher
Eli Stearns
Thomas Ballard
be authorized to carry into effect the object of their Report. See files. — — — —

Voted on the ninth article to Refer the subject matter thereof to the Select men. —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in April next at 4° Clock P.M. —

John Maynard, Mod^r.

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk. —

True Copies from Minutes

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1814.

(1) Select Men Sworn.

Worcester Ss. March 7. 1814. Moses Emerson, John Thurston and Samuel Manning, Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster, were sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of their duties respecting all elections and the Returns thereof.

Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Town Clerk Sworn. (11)

Worcester Ss. March 7. 1814. Josiah Flagg Town Clerk of Lancaster, was sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of his office the year ensuing; and until another is chosen and sworn in his room.

Before me Timothy Whiting Jus. Pacis.

Town Officers Sworn. (1)

Worcester Ss. March 7th 1814 - Personally appeared on the seventh day of March instant and between that time and the date hereof Eli Stearns Treasurer; Jacob Fisher Benjamin Wyman and Solomon Carter Assessors. Pliny Newhall, John Lyon Simon Butler John Goss 2. Thomas Safford, Moses Emerson, Silas Thurston, Benjamin Farnsworth, 2d. Thomas Ballard Alpheus Carter, Charles E Knight, Daniel Hayden Ephraim Rugg Surveyors of Highways. Charles E Knight, John Robbins Tythingmen; Jonas Lane Sealer of Leather. Moses Emerson, John Taylor Charles E Knight David Richardson Prentiss Pond, James Rugg Windsor Barnard Hogreeves. —

Jacob Fisher Surveyor of Boards & Shingles, John Hawks Jr. 1814
Abijah White, Surveyor of Staves. Oliver Carter Proceed 7 March.
Pound keeper, Elias Emmerson, Ephraim
Whitney Moses Barrett, Ephraim Carter.
Field drivers. Eli Stearns, Jonas Lane,
John Thurston Fish reeves. — Edward Goodwin
Wood measurer. Caleb Lincoln, Jonas Whitney
Abijah White, Joel Wilder, Joseph Rugg,
Timothy Whiting Jacob Sweetser. Deer reeves.
were severally sworn to the faithful per
formance of the duties of the respective Offi
ces to which they were severally elected
for the year ensuing according to Law.
Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Worcester Ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable Warrant for April meeting.
(seal) of Lancaster . . Greeting.

In the name of the Common
wealth of Massachusetts inhabitants
you are hereby required to notify and
warn the freeholders and other Inhabit
ants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified
to vote for Governor Lt Governor Counsel
lors Senators and in Town affairs to assem
ble at the meeting house in said Town
on Monday the fourth day of April next
at 1° Clock P.M. to act on the following
articles viz). 1. To give in their votes

1814. for Governor Lt Governor, Counsellors
April and Senators for the ensuing year.
Warrant 2d To choose a moderator to govern
the meeting in town affairs. —
3d To restrain neat Cattle, horses Asses and
Mules from going at large on the Com-
mon or highways the ensuing year or
act any thing relating thereto. —
4. To adopt some method by which School
district No 5. shall receive their equal pro-
portion of Money either by taxation or the
number of Scholars liable to attend
School, or act any thing relating thereto. —
5. To consider the expediency and propri-
ety of directing the Assessors to furnish the
United States Assessor, or his assistant with
a copy of the valuation of the Real estate
of the Inhabitants of Lancaster or act any
thing relating thereto. — — — —
6. To discontinue the way leading from
Joel Rugg's to the road leading from Mar-
tin Stevenson's to Sterling or act any
thing relating thereto. — — — — —
Given under our hands and seal
this twenty first day of March 1814.

Sam[l] Manning
Moses Emerson } Selectmen
John Thurston } Lancaster

a true copy
attest J. Flagg Cler.

1814. April. Warrant. Notification.

Worcester ss. The freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified as above expressed are hereby notified and warned to meet at the time and place and for the purposes expressed in the foregoing warrant. —

Lancaster March 25th 1814.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

a true Copy Attest J. Flagg Clerk —

Worcester ss. April 4. 1814. By virtue of this warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town qualified as the law directs to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes of the within.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

a true Copy Attest J. Flagg Clerk —

Return.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor & Lieutenant Governor holden on the fourth day of April being the first Monday of said month in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, for the purposes of giving in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and Counsellors of said Commonwealth, the whole number of Votes

Proceedings.

1814 Proceedings of April Meeting Continued.

given in were sorted counted recorded and declaration thereof made, as by the Constitution is directed, the whole number of Votes were 294! and were for the following persons.

For Gov.r

His Excell.y Caleb Strong Two hundred and twenty six! 226.

Hon. Samuel Dexter Sixty eight! 68.

For Lieut. Gover.r

His Honor William Phillips Two hundred and twenty seven! 227.

Hon. William Gray Sixty seven. 67.

For Senators and Counsellors.

Hon. Silas Holman 229.
" Francis Blake 225.
Benjamin Adams 232
Moses Smith 224.

Moses White Esq. 66
Joseph Adams " 65.
Edmund Cushing " 65.
Sumner Barstow 65.

The meeting being opened for Town affairs Voted and chose Capt John Maynard Moderator.

1814. Proceedings of April Meeting Contin.a

Voted to restrain neat Cattle, Horses, mules and Asses from going at large on the Common or highways the ensuing year from the first day of April instant to the first day of November next.

Voted to commit the Subject matter of the 4th article of the warrant to a committee of Three to report at May meeting next, and were chosen Messrs.

Eli Stearns
Edward Goodwin
Jonathan Wilder

Voted that the Assessors have liberty to give a Copy of the valuation list of the Real estate of the Inhabitants of this Town to the United States Assessor or his assistant.

Voted to commit the subject matter of the sixth Article to Messrs. John Thurston
Jon.a Wilder
Eli Stearns, who are desired to report at the next meeting

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

March meeting being opened, The votes being called for by the Moderator were counted, the whole number being Sixty nine. Samuel Allen Esq had the whole.

Voted to accept the Report of the Select men on the 6th art. of March warrant — See files

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on the 7th article. which is as followeth to

1814.

Adjournment of March meeting

Your Committee to consider the propriety of allowing Benjamin Wyman, Jacob Fisher and Edward Goodwin the expence they incurred in consequence of a suit brought in the name of Timothy D. Whiting have attended to that service and report that in our opinion the said Gentlemen, then being Assessors acting correctly. — That the suit brought against them was invidious. That their account of £4.37 ought to be allowed by the Town.

Eli Stearns
Sam[l] Manning

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in May next at 4 o'Clock P.M.

Attest

John Maynard Mod[r]
Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Worcester Ss. May[r] Paul Willard was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of Surveyor. Ephraim Hales also was sworn to the faithful discharge of the Duties of the Office of Hogreeve

attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Sealer of Wts & Meas[s] Sworn.

Worcester Ss. May 2. 1814. Gawen B. Newman was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures. Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1814.

Warrant for May meeting.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of the town of Lancaster . . . . Greeting.

(seal) In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of representatives and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said town, on Monday the second day of May next at one o'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

1st To give in their votes for a person or persons to represent the town in the general Court the ensuing year.

2d To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs.

3d To hear the report of the Committee on the fifth article of April meeting Warrant and act any thing relating thereto. - - - - - -

4. To hear the report of the Committee on the Sixth article of the April meeting Warrant & act any thing relating thereto. - - - - -

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of April A.D. 1814.

John Thurston
Moses Emerson
Sam[l] Manning
Select men of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester ss. April 18. 1814. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the Choice of Representatives & in town affairs are hereby notified and warned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Elijah Wilder Constable Lancaster.

1814 May 2 Warrant Returned

Worcester Ss. May 2. 1814. On the within I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes of the within warrant.

Elijah Wilder } Constable of Lancaster

True Copies of the Warrant notification and Return. Attest Josiah Flagg } Town Clerk

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Proceedings of May Meeting

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representative and town affairs duly assembled on monday the second day of May at 1 o'Clock P.M.

Voted that the Town be represented in the General Court the year ensuing. - - -

The Select men called for the Votes

The whole number was - - - - - 93

For William Cleaveland - - - - 90

" John Thurston . . . 3

Representatives Chosen.

Voted that and the Representative be chosen

The votes being called for counted and sorted whole number - - - 93.

John Thurston had the whole number Ninety three.

the Select men declared the said Wm Cleaveland and John Thurston duly elected.

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Lane Mod.r

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on the 4th article of April meeting warrant.

"Viz." Lancaster May 2. 1814. Your Committee appointed under the 4th article of April meeting warrant have attended to that subject and report that in our opinion it will be proper to make an addition of Six dollars annually to the former sum allowed School district No 5. So long as their number of Scholars shall Continue about the same they are now represented to be Viz 60. —

1814. Proceeds May.

Report of Comm.ee on School District No 5. Grant of Six dolls. annually.

Eli Stearns
Edward Goodwin
Jon.a Wilder
} Com.a

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee under the 6th article of April warrant by said Report it was considered inexpedient to discontinue the Road from Joel Rugg's. - - - - -

Voted to dissolve this meeting

Jonas Lane Mod.r

Attest J. Flagg Cler.

Feb. 7 Meeting opened Capt John Maynard Mod.r

Voted to dissolve said meeting.

The town then proceeded to close the unfinished Business of the Annual March meeting.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Prudential Acc.ty of the last year.

Voted to raise Eight Hundred Dollars to be worked out on the Highways at the usual Rates and after the usual Manner.

High way Money 800 dlls

1814. May. Monies Highway $800

Voted that a sum not exceeding one half the amount of Ebenezer Torrey's highway Tax be expended if necessary in repairing the old Neck Bridge under the direction of the Surveyor of the District.

Voted that a sum not exceeding the amount of the Taxes (Highway) set to Messrs Locke's be worked out and expended on their Bridge and Road, under Direction of the Surveyor of the District to which they belong.

Voted that Messrs Saml. Jones, Saml Jones Jr. and Luther Jones be allowed to work out their highway Taxes on their Road and Bridge under the direction of the Surveyor of their district. Also Voted that Messrs Elias Bennett, Asa Buttrick, Asa Barrett Elias Sawyer, Jno Thurston Jr. Sylvanus Morse be allowed to work out their highway Taxes on the Bridge near the Mills under the direction of the highway Surveyor.

Exempts.

Voted that Salmon Willard Luther Lyon William Willard, Moses Barrett and Reuben Barrett work out their highway Taxes on the Bridle way from d William Willards to the Shaker's Bridge, under direction of the Surveyor of their District.

Voted That Messrs Oliver Houghton and Eber Goddard have liberty to work out their Highway Taxes under direction of the Surveyor on their roads and Bridges.

Voted That Messrs Benjamin Houghton and

Ebenezer Haven be allowed to work out their highway taxes on the road leading from their respective dwellings to the County road under direction of the Surveyor of their District.

1814 May — Proceed'g Contin'd

Voted that Aaron Johnson, Luther Johnson, Calvin Joslyn, and the Widow Robbins work out their several highway taxes under direction of the Surveyor of the District on the road from their respective dwellings to the County road.

Voted also the same Privilege to Abijah Rugg. Voted also that Daniel Harris and John Goss work out their highway taxes on the River Bridge leading from & to their respective dwellings under direction of highway Surveyor.

Voted to raise Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars to defray the expences of the Town the Current Year.

Monies 3500.

Appropriation's Voted Viz.

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Rev'd Nath'l Thayer's Salary	525.
English G. School . . .	728.
Latin G. School . .	328.
Singing School .	50.

Voted and chose Mr Elijah Wilder Constable.

Voted to dissolve this meeting

John Maynard Mour.

attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1814

Prudential Acct. for the Year 1813.

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from the 1st March 1813 to 1st March 1814.

Repairs of large Bridges.

Viz.	Quasiposikin	7.48	
	Whites	7.50	
	Athertons	2.50	
	Center	2 –	
	Spragues	16.40	
	Bennetts	10.16	46.04

Repairs on small Bridges.

Viz.	One near Poignand & Plants factory	15.75	
	one near Mr Gandys	2.60	
	two in the village	20.75	
	One near Mr Dyers	37.50	76.60

Militia.

Viz.	Powder	60 –	
	Flints	1.20	61.20

Recording Births & Deaths.

Births	2 –	
Deaths	1.92	3.92

Burying Fields.

Viz.	Old Common	.33	
	Center	2.26	2.59

Taking Care of the Meeting House . 4 –

Revd. Nath. Thayer's Salary . 525 –

Repairs on Latin G. School house 3.94

Collecting Taxes for 1812 . . . . 76.92

Warning Town Officers - - 5.22

Schools.

Viz.	Latin G. School Tuition	188 –
	Boarding Preceptor	75
	Wood	14.79

1814.
Prudential Acco^s. for 1813.

Amount Brot up . . . $ 1083.22

En of G. Schools . . . . . 722 -
Singing School . . . 38.50

Support of Poor.

Viz. Boarding Clothing & Doctoring 27.831.34
David Butler boarding & Clothing 35 -
Stephen Cleverly wife & Children - 9.50
Ballance for wood in 1811 - - 2 -
James Clark . . . . . 2 -
William Damon Prison expence 1.45
Augustus Greenville B & Clothing 16.66
David Longley Prison expences . 9.71
Joel Phelps widow - - - - - - 1.11
Nathl. White board & Cloths . 42.25
Jacob Zwier Jr. Prison ex . . 6.87
Polly Wilder Doctoring of in 1811 1
Jacob Zwier Prison exp - - 4.54
Betty Brown ballance on Clothing 1812 - - 3.4
Lucy Dickinson d^o - - 1.16
Samuel Dickinson d^o - - 4.43
Rebekah Fletcher 2^d d^o - - 83
Ruth Fletcher . d^o . . . 83
Daniel Godfrey . d^o . . . 30
Daniel Johnson & family d^o 7.33
Jane Kendal . d^o . 2.66
W^m. Larkin - d^o - . 1 -
Jerusha Osgood - - d^o - 1.50
Otis Wilder . . . d^o - - - 12
Mary Manning - d^o 39.75

Pauper Acco^t.

Funeral expences.

Viz Dolly Phelps 4.25
James Davis 5
Wm Larkin 5.17. Jerusha Osgood 9.82 14.99

1814 Prudential Accts Continued

To amount Brought over 2894 34

Entertaining Town officers.

Viz

Assessors	16.8
Selectmen & Treasurer	11.5
Ballance Selectmen & Treasurer's for 1812	11.46
Guide Post & Boards	20.84
Stationary ballance in 1809	1.33
Blank orders	3.75
Assessing Taxes	41.19
Assessors for making a list & Wards for March meeting	2 —

Perambulating Town lines

Viz

Harvard, Shirley, Lunenburg, Leominster, Sterling & West Boylston, Boylston and Berlin	14 —
Overseeing the Poor	45 —

£ 3061,04

Sam[l] Manning
John Thurston
Moses Emerson
Select Men of Lancaster

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Dr The Town of Lancaster in account with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer Cr

1813.			1813		
March 1.	For ballance of last years account	98	March 1	By ballance in Collector Wilder's hands	102.28
Dec. 6.	For Town orders pr Selectmen's receipts	457.62	22	By Cash rec'd of Jon.a Wilder for highway tax	96
1814					
Feby 28	For Town orders pr Selectmens Rec'ts	1880.51	July 8	By Cash rec'd of the Common wealth for Support of Wm Shearer	61 —
March 7	For Town orders pr Selectmens Rec'd	290.61			
	For ballance in Collector Wilder's hands	718.28	24	By Assessments for the present year	3218.49
	Ballance in the Treasurer's hands	58.76	Dec 23	By Cash rec'd of the Selectmen	17.58
			1814		
			March 4	By Cash rec'd of Ditto	6.45
		$ 3406.76			$ 3406.76

Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Moses Emerson
John Thurston
Saml Manning
} Select Men of Lancaster.

Attest J. Flagg Town Clerk

1814.
Treasurer's Account for 1813.

1814 The town of Lancaster. Dr

Account Current.

To sundry outstanding orders	$561.13
" Collectors Commissions for 1813	91.95
" Ballance due the Town	238.6
	$891.14

Supra Contra.

By Taxes uncollected	$718.28
" Notes & Accts supposed Collectable	114.10
" To ballance in Treasurers hands	58.76
	$891.14

John Thurston
Saml Manning
Moses Emerson
} Select men of Lancaster.

Attest J Flagg Clerk.

Report on Accounts for 1813.

The Subscribers a Committee for examining the accounts of the Treasurer and Select men the past year, have attended said service, and report, That we found their accounts methodically and correctly kept, with sufficient vouchers - and think them Insitled to the thanks of the Town. —

Jacob Fisher
Caleb Lincoln
Jonas Whitney

Lancaster March 21. 1814.

Attest J Flagg Town Clerk.

1814.

Worcester ss. June 6. 1814 Elijah Wilder Constable Sworn.
Came before me, and took the oath of Constable of the Town of Lancaster the ensuing year, agreable to the Statute in such case provided.
Josiah Flagg Justice of the Peace

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder a Constable of Lancaster. Greeting Warrant for August Meeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in Lancaster on Monday the fifteenth of August next at 4 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz:

1st. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2d. To appoint one or more agents to defend a suit brot by Peter Kendall against the town to recover damages for an injury his wife and also his horse and chaise sustained by running off the causeway near Wheelock's bridge and act any thing relating thereto.

3d. To see if the Town will make any addition to the wages of the drafted militia.

4th. To see if the Town will rebuild or re

1814 repair the center burying ground fence.
Warrant Given under our hands and seal this
August, 29th day of July 1814. - - - - - - - -
Continued. Samuel Manning } Selectmen
Moses Emerson } of
John Thurston. } Lancaster.

Worcester ss. Lancaster July 29th 1814 Pur-
Notifica- suant to the above warrant, I hereby
tion. notify and warn the freeholders & other
Inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified as above
to assemble at the time and place and for
the purposes above named.
Elijah Wilder } Constable
} of
Lancaster

Worcester ss. August 15. 1814 Pursuant
Return. to the within, I have notified the free
holders and other Inhabitants to meet
at the time and place and to the purpo-
ses of the within. Elijah Wilder, Constable.

True Copies of the Warrant Notifica-
tion and Return.
Attest - Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the
Proceed- town of Lancaster assembled at the meet-
ings of ing house in pursuance of the warrant
August this 15th day of August A.D. 1814. Voted
Meeting

2 Voted and chose Deacon Joseph Wales Moderator.

2 Voted that the Selectmen, viz, Messieurs Moses Emerson, John Thurston & Samuel Manning be agents to effect if possible a settlement with Peter Kendall, in such way and manner as will be most for the interest of the Town, or otherwise if necessary, defend the Town against a suit already instituted by said Kendall.

2 Voted and chose a committee to consider the propriety of making any addition to the wages of the drafted Militia, and report their doings at the next Town Meeting. John Maynard / Moses Emerson / Jacob Fisher / Moses Smith / Jonas Lane } Comee

2 Voted and chose a committee to view the Center burying ground fence, and report at this meeting and were accordingly chosen

John Thurston / Jon.a Wilder / Moses Emerson / Edward Goodwin / Ephm. Whitney } Comee

who attended the service and report verbally "That the burying ground fence ought to be repaired, and this is may be done for the sum of Fifty dollars or

1814. to last ten years. — — — —

August Voted to accept said Report, and that
Meeting the Select men be, and are hereby authorized to carry the same into effect.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Joseph Wales Modr.

attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk. —

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the seventh day of November next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

Warrant for Novem. Meeting.

1st. To give in their votes for a person to represent the Worcester North District in the 14th Congress of the United States of America. — — — — — — — — —

2nd. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs. — — — — —

3d. To choose an additional number of Tything men, and also Committee men to aid and assist the Tything men in the discharge of their duties of their office or act anything relating thereto. — — — — — —

1814. Nov.r 2 Warrant Continued.

4th To see if the Town will rebuild the Sprague Bridge, and also the dry Bridge near the same, and act any thing relating thereto.

5th To hear the Report of your Committee on the 3d article of August meeting warrant.

6th To see if the Town will rebuild the Bridge near Poignand & Blants Factory or act any thing relating thereto. — — — —

7th To see if the Town will abate Eber Godards Taxes. —

Given under our hands & Seal this 24th day of October 1814. — — —

Samel Manning
John Thurston
Moses Emerson
Selectmen of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester ss. Pursuant to the above warrant I hereby notify and warn the freeholders & other inhabitants qualified as above to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes above named. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster.

Lancaster October 24th 1814

Return.

Worcester ss. November 7th 1814 By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, to meet at the time and place and for the Purposes within mentioned. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster.

True Copies of the Warrant, Notification and Return.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1814. Nov.r 7 Bienial Meeting & Proceedings

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified as required by the Constitution to vote for Representatives in the General Court, holden on the seventh day of November being the first monday of said month, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for a Representative of the said Commonwealth in the Congress of the United States for the Worcester North District, Votes for the following persons were given in sorted, Counted, recorded, and declaration thereof made us by law is directed — To wit. For. Hon. Solomon Strong One hundred and sixty six. - - - - - - - 166
" Edmund Rushing Esq.r Fifteen. 15

Town affairs being now under Consideration:

Voted and chose Mr. Eli Stearns Moder.r

Voted and chose a Committee to make a selection from among the Inhabitants of persons for Tything men and Committee men to carry into effect the object of the 3.d Article in the warrant — and were chosen Messrs Moses Smith, Jon.a Wilder Benj.a Wyman Jacob Fisher, John Thurston, Calvin Wilder Thomas Ballard. who are ordered to report

at this meeting, when they reported as follows, 1814

"The Committee appointed to select and Nov.r
report a list of persons suitable for Tything men Meeting
and Committee men to aid the Tything men Proceedgs
in discharging the duties of their Office, have at Continued
tended the Service assigned them, and report
that in their Opinion it would be inexpedient
to choose any additional number of Tything
men; but that the Town proceed to choose
the following Gentlemen as Committee men,
to aid and assist the present Tything men
in carrying the laws relating to the due obse- Sabbath
vance of the Sabbath into effect, viz) Jonathan Committee
Buttrick, Joseph Leach, Moses Emerson John men.
Goss, Abner Pollard, Calvin Wilder, Jacob Fisher,
Caleb Lincoln, Jonas Lane, Pliny Newhall
Jeremiah Dyer, Benjamin Willard, Elisha
Sanderson, Charles P. Knight, Moses Jones,
Daniel Wilder and Solomon Carter: and that
said Committee men, be requested by the
Town, faithfully and impartially to discharge
the Trust reposed in them"

Moses Smith Pr Order

Lancaster Nov.r 7th 1814.

The aforesaid Report
being read it was voted to accept the
same. - - - - - - - - -

Voted to choose a Committee to view the Sprague
Bridge and dry Bridge near the same
and report at this meeting, accordingly were
chosen Messrs Edward Goodwin, Jonas Lane
Moses Emerson & Eldr Carter
& Joel Wilder
who reported that it was necessary to rebuild
the dry Bridge, which verbal Report was

1814. accepted by the Town.

Nov.r 7th Voted that the Select men be authorized to call a Meeting to rebuild the dry Bridge near Spragues Bridge in such manner as will be most for the interest of the Town, and that they let out the Materials and labour necessary to the lowest Bidder at public Vendue.

Proceed.s in Continuation.

On the 5th article Voted to accept the Report of the Committee. See files.

Voted that Messrs. Eli Stearns, Jonas Lane and John Maynard, be a committee to view the Bridge near Poignand & Plants Factory mentioned in the warrant, and report to the Select men of the expediency and a plan of Rebuilding said Bridge, and the Select men are hereby fully authorized to carry the said Report into effect, the Committee are requested to make their report immediately on the Subject, and the Select men are desired to execute the work thereby assigned them immediately.

Poignand & Plants Bridge

Voted to dismiss the seventh article.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Eli Stearns Moderator.

attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1814.

Nov. 28. 1814. We the Subscribers Selectmen of the towns of Lancaster and Bolton, have this day perambulated the dividing lines between said Towns, agreable to a Law of this State. — John Thurston. Moses Emerson. } Selectmen of Lancaster.

Bolton Line run.

Caleb Moore. David Whitney. } Selectmen of Bolton.

A true Copy Attest,
Josiah Flagg, Town Clerk.

1815.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster . . . . . Greeting.

Warrant for March Meeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on monday the sixth day of March next at one o'Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz. —

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
2d. To choose Town officers for the year ensuing.
3d. To raise Money necessary to defray the expences of the Town the Current year and appropriate the same. — — — — —
4th. To give in their votes for County Treasurer.
5th. To choose a committee to superintend the Innoculation of the Kine Pock the ensuing year or act any thing relating thereto.
6th. To see if the Town will dispose of the Leaskin place so called or act any thing relating thereto. — — — —

1815. 7th To Consider the propriety of adopting some
March mode whereby a portion of the highway taxes
Warrant may be diverted from their usual course, or
Continued. act any thing relating thereto. —— ——

Given under our hands & seal
this 20th day of February 1815.

Sam'l Manning
John Thurston
Moses Emerson
Selectmen of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester ss. Feb'y 20 1815. In conformity to the above warrant, I hereby notify and warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified as above to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes above named. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster.

Return.

March 6. 1815. On the within, I have notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants to meet at this place, for the purposes of the within. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster.

True Copies of the Warrant, Notification and Return for March Meeting, Anno Domini eighteen hundred & fifteen.

Attest Josiah Flagg, Town Clerk.

1815.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for town officers and in town affairs assembled in pursuance of the warrant on Monday the sixth day of March Anno Domini 1815.

March Meeting Proceedings.

Voted and chose Eli Stearns Esq Moderator.

Prayers were then offered to the great Author of all existencies. — The list of Votes being read, the Town proceeded in the Choice of Town Officers, when the following Gentlemen were elected viz.

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

The prudential accts of the Town were exhibited by the Select Men, the Town Voted to Commit their examination to Messrs Jonas Lane
Joel Wilder
Jacob Fisher.

Voted and chose Samuel Manning
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder } Select Men

" " Eli Stearns Treasurer

" " Benj.a Wyman
Jacob Fisher
Solomon Carter } Assessors.

" Jonas Lane, Josiah Bridge,
Stephen Sargent, Joseph Wilder,
Abner Pollard, Nathan Burditt,
Joseph Rugg, Cyrus Fairbank,
Benj.a W. Willard, Jacob Fisher,
Ebenr Bragg, Nath.l Warner,
Ephm Robbins Daby Willard. } Surveyors of Highways.

"

1815. March meeting Proceedings Continued.

Voted and Chose Benj.a H Foster Sealer of Leather

" " Eph.m Whitney, Jn.o Wilder, Luther Johnson, Elijah Wilder. } Field Drivers.

" " Joel Wilder, Edward Goodwin, Jonas Whitney, Jeremiah Dyar } Fence Viewers

" " Jonathan Buttrick Thomas Howe - - - } Surveyors of Boards & Shingles

" " Stephen Wilder, Aaron Jones, Moses Barrett Sol.o Carter, Pliny Newhall, John Carter } Hogreeves.

" " John Ballard Jonas Lane, Deer Reeves.

" " Calvin Wilder John Hawks Jr. Culler of Staves

" " Eli Stearns, Jonas Lane John Thurston Thomas Howe } Fish warden,

" " Joseph Maynard Pound keeper.

" " Josiah Bridge, Josiah Flagg, Thomas Howe Nath.l Lowe & Moses Emerson. } Wood measurers.

" " Sam.l Manning James Carter Calvin Carter } Kine Pock Committee.

" " Moses Smith Edward Goodwin Sol.o Carter. } Singing School Committee

" " Pliny Newhall Jeremiah Dyar Joseph Rugg Abner Pollard Jn.o Robbins Calvin Wilder Calvin Peabody Jn.o Goss Jn.o Ballard } Tything Men.

1815. March meeting Proceedings Contin.

2d Voted and chose Moses Smith, Sam.l Manning, Jonas Lane } Committee for hiring Latin Grammar School Master

" " Revd Math.s Thayer,
Sam.l Ward, Jon.a Wilder, Josiah Bridge
Moses Emerson, Samuel Manning,
Eli Stearns, Farnham & Cummer
Joel 2d Wilder, Edward Goodwin,
Benj.a Houghton 2. Jonas Lane. } Committee to Visit the Schools.

2d Voted & Chose the following Persons to superintend the making & small repairs on the River Bridges viz. Joseph Maynard for Spragues.
Thomas Bennett Jr. for Bennetts
Abner Pollard " Center.
Benjamin Houghton 2d Quasiponiken.
Jonathan 2d Wilder for Atherton's.
Jeremiah 2d Dyar " White's.

3d and 4th Articles of the warrant was put over for consideration at the adjournment of this meeting

6th Art. 2d Voted that the Subject matter thereof be referred to the Selectmen. — — — —

2d Voted to commit the Subject of the 7th article to Mess.rs Moses Smith, Edward Goodwin & John Thurston, to report at the adjournment.

2d Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at 4 o'Clock P.M. — —

Eli Stearns Mod.r

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

a true Copy attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1815. March 6th

Select men Sworn,

Samuel Manning, Calvin 2d Wilder and Joel 2d Wilder, Select men of the Town of Lancaster, made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their Office, as respects all elections and the returns thereof. Before me,

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Oath.

Worcester ss. March 6. 1815. Then personally appeared Josiah Flagg, and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharge, and perform the duties of Clerk of the Town of Lancaster during the year ensuing, and until another should be chosen and sworn in his stead. — — — —

Before me Jacob Fisher Justice of the Peace.

a true Copy of the Certificate

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Seal.

Warrant for April Meeting.

Worcester ss. To Elijah 2d Wilder Constable of Lancaster. Greeting. —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders & other inhabitants of s.d Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor, Lt. Governor, Counsellors and Senators & in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on monday the 3d day of April next at one o Clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz.

1. To bring in their votes for Governor, Lt

1st Governor Counsellors and Senators for the ensuing year. — — — — — — 1815. April Warrant Contin.

2.ly To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs. — — — — — —

3.ly To see if the town will choose an agent or agents to defend the suit commenced by Great Barrington against Lancaster, or act any thing relating thereto. — — —

4.th To restrain neat cattle, horses, Asses & mules from going at large on the common or highways the ensuing year, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — —

5.th To see if the town will reconsider their vote to repair the center burying field fence passed July meeting 1814. and rebuild said fence. — — — — — — — —

6.th To hear the Report of any committee.

Given under our hands and seal this 20th day of March 1815.

Sam.l Manning
Calvin.n Wilder
Joel Wilder. (Select men of Lancast.

A true Copy Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk.

Worcester ss. I hereby notify and warn the the freeholders and others inhabitants qualified as above to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes above named. Notification.

Elijah.h Wilder Constable

April 3.d 1815. Pursuant to the within I have notified and warned the freeholders & other Inhabitants, as the law directs. Elijah Wilder Constable Return.

True Copies attest Josiah Flagg J. Clerk.

1815. April. Highways and Roads in Town at the usual rates of personal labour, Teams and utensils.

Adjourn'd Business of March meeting. Voted to postpone the raising other monies to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to put over the Consideration of the 7th article to the adjournment also. —

Votes being called for by the Moderator for County Treasurer were counted forty six.

Samuel Allen Esq had - - - - 46.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of May next at 4° Clock P.M.

Eli Stearns Modr.

Attr Josiah Flagg Clerk. —

Here followeth the Selectmen and Treasurers Accounts for the year 1814.

Prudential Accts 1814. An account of the expenditures of the town of Lancaster from March 1.st 1814 to March 1.st 1815

Support of Poor.

Augustus Greenville board & clothing	16.66	
David Butler D°	35	
Stephen Dickinson ball^a on Cloth 2 1812	2.87	
Mercy Manning	39 -	
Doctor Stillman blackman	3 -	
Those supported by Dr Carter	831.34	927.87
Funeral expenses of Wm Larkin	2.33	
D° Patience Shearer	4.25	
D° Dolly Phelps	3.15	9.73
Total expence of Poor		937.60

Entertainment of Town Officers Committees &c.

Selectmen ballance on in 1813	3.50	
Ditto - - - - 1814	10.50	14 -
Assessors	15.3	
Treasurer Committee, Vendue, making Cartridges	30.20	45.23
		$996.83

1815.
Pruden
tial Acco^ts
Contin^d

Amount brought forward and Contin^d 996.83

Stationary.

Assessors	1.54	
Town Clerk [illegible]	2.38	
Select Men	1.57	5.49

Burying Fields.

Centre	2.43	
Old Common	1.50	3.93

Schools.

Latin Grammar for Instructor	138	
For boarding	86.25	
Repairing Latin G School house	.82	
Wood for D^o	4.33	
furniture D^o	14	229.54
English Grammar		728
Singing		50.75

Making & repairing Bridges.

Rebuilding Athertons	329.76	
D^o near Jno Low's	32	
D^o Wikapicket	116.14	
D^o near Bennetts Mills	85.32	
D^o " Jacob Stones	22.20	
Repairing Spragues	18.47	
D^o Center	1.50	
D^o Quasi poniken	26.36	
D^o Bennetts	35.87	
D^o Spragues dry Bridge	1.65	
D^o Bennetts Sluice	2.50	
" Maynards	18.40	
" Amos Sawyer's	.75	
" Mr Goulds	3.45	
" Factory Bridge	17.45	
" Sluices on Center road	8.58	
" Butler's Sluice	56	
		720.96

Repairing of Roads.

Old Common District	25.68	
Surveying Road north part of the Town in 1812	75	26.43
		$ 2761.93

1815.
Prudentials Continued for 1814.

Amount Brought over		2761.93
Taxes: Assessing	43.81	
" Abatement	132.67	176.48
Militia (a part of this will be reimbursed)		307.95

Meeting House.

Repairing of	1.23	
Taking care of	4	5.23

Town Clerk.

Recording Births	2.40	
D° Deaths	1.84	4.24

Costs of Suit

Lancaster vs. Quincy	92.98	
Tim° D. Whiting vs Assessors	14.36	
Peter Kendall vs Lancaster 14	18	
Attorney fees 4		125.34
Revd Math^l Thayers Salary		525
Perambulating Town line between Bolton and Lancaster		3
Collecting Taxes for 1813		91.95
D° D° 1814		97.55
Notifying G Barrington on acc^n Jn° Bixby		1.50
Warning Town officers		5.19
Overseeing the Poor		45
A Journey to Shrewsbury to examine the town records on Account of John Bixby		1
		$ 4151.36

Saml Manning
Moses Emerson
John Thurston
Select men of Lancaster.

Attest
J. Flagg. Town Clerk.

Dr. The town of Lancaster, in account with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer. Cr.

1814 Sep. 5.	For town orders pr Selectmens Receipt	$ 684.51
1815 Feb. 20	For town orders pr Selectmens Rect	1952.88
March 3	For town orders pr Selectmens Rect	660.11
" 6	For town orders pr Selectmen's Rect	817.34
		4114.84
	Ballance in the Treasurers hands	356.53
		$ 4471.37

1814 March 7	By ballance of old account brought forward	$ 58.76
"	By ballance in Collector Wilder's hands	718.28
28	By Cash reid for Jacob Fisher's account	3.45
	By Cash reid for Edward Goodwins account	17
	By Cash reid for Jonas Lane's note	4.67
	By Cash reid for Jonas Lane's account	1.48
April 4	By Cash reid of Moses Smith & others for Sargent place	104.56
July 11	By assessments for the present years	3517.25
Dec. 5	By Cash reid in ballance for Jno Robbins note	2.77
1815 Feb. 20	By Cash reid for Elijah Colburn's account	1.15
28	By Cash reid for part of Joel Osgoods note	8.—
March 3	By Cash reid for Jno Thurstons note	31.50
	By Cash reid for John Wilder's account	2.78
	By Cash reid for John Dollisons account	.52
	By Cash reid for Jonas Lanes account	9.62
March 6	By Cash reid for Elijah Wilder's account	6.41
		$ 4471.37

Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

John Thurston
Saml Manning
Moses Emerson
} Selectmen of Lancaster

Copy Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk.

1815. Prudentials

1815.
Prudential Accts Continued

The town of Lancaster . . . Dr.

1815 To sundry outstanding orders . . . ℔ 581.18

Supra Contra.

By cash in the Treasurers hands 356.37
" Notes & accts supposed collectable 160-
" Ballance against the Town . 64.81
℔ 581.18

March 6. 1815 Moses Emerson
John Thurston
Saml Manning
Selectmen of Lancaster

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Report of Committee on Account.

The Committee appointed at the last annual March Meeting to examine the accts of the Treasurer and Selectmen the past year, have attended said service and report - That we found their accounts fairly and Correctly kept and well vouched - and for their faithful services we think them intitled to the thanks of the Town.

Lancaster March 13. 1815 Jonas Lane.
Joel Wilder.
Jacob Fisher.

a true copy attest
Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

The town voted to accept the said Report.

J Flagg Town Clerk.

Town Officers Sworn.

Worcester ss. March 16th 1815 Personally appeared on the Sixth day Month instant and between that time and the date hereof Eli Stearns Treas.r Benjamin Wyman Jacob Fisher Solomon Carter Assessors. Jonas Lane Joseph Wilder Abner Pollard, Nathan Bond 3d Joseph Rugg, Jacob Fisher

1815.

Town Officers Sworn.

Ebenezer Bragg, Nathaniel Warner, Ephraim Robbins, Derby Willard, Surveyors of high ways. John Wilder Elijah Wilder Fieldriver. Joel Wilder, Edward Goodwin Jonas Whitney Fence Viewers. Aaron Jones, Moses Barrett Solomon Carter, Pliny Newhall. Hog: Reeves. Jonas Lane Deer Reeve. Pliny Newhall Joseph Rugg, Abner Pollard, Calvin Wilder Calvin Peabody, Jno Ballard Tything Men. Calvin Wilder Cutter of Staves. Eli Stearns. Jonas Lane John Thurston Thomas Howe fishwardens. Joseph Maynard Pound keeper. Josiah Bridge Thomas Howe wood measurers. Thomas Howe Surveyor of boards & Shingles. on the 23d Josiah Bridge Highway Surveyor and wood measurer. on the 3d April B. Whittemore Willard (affirmed) Surveyor of highways. were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective Offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing according to Law.

Before me Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Warrant for May meeting.

Worcester Ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster Greeting.

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of May next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz: —

1815.

Warrant for May Meeting

1st To bring in your votes for a person or persons to represent the Town in the General Court of this Commonwealth, the year ensuing. — —

2d To chuse a moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

Contin.d 3d To see if the town will build a stone wall in front of the Center burying ground instead of a board fence.

4th To see if the town will accept the laying out any highways. — — — — — — — — —

5th To see if the town will chuse a commiettee to Confer with Capt Benjamin Lee respecting a lot of Ground suitable to build a meeting house upon situated between Moses Smith & Merrick Price Esqrs, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — — —

Given under our Hands & Seal this seventeenth day of April A. D. 1815.

Sam.l Manning
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder
(Select men of Lancaster.)

Notification. Worcester ss Pursuant to the above warrant I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified as above, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes above named. — — — — Elijah Wilder Constable

Return. May 1. 1815. On the within I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants as the Law directs. Elijah Wilder Constable

True Copies of the Warrant, notification and Return. Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1815. May meeting Proceedings.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives, and in Town affairs, duly assembled on Monday the first day of May A.D. 1815. After the list of Voters was read, the town voted to be represented in the General Court of this Commonwealth the ensuing year. — — — — —

Voted to choose two Representatives, and the votes being called for were counted and sorted the whole number being one hundred and four. Capt William Cleveland having the whole, was declared to be duly elected. — — —

Two Representatives chosen. —

The town proceeded in the choice of another Representative, the whole number of votes being counted and sorted were One hundred of which Capt John Thurston had - - 98
William Cleveland - - - - - 2
100

Voted and chose Mr Eli Stearns Moder.r

Voted that the Committee raised for the purpose of rebuilding or repairing the Center Burying field fence, are authorized to rebuild or repair said fence in such way and manner as will be most for the interest of the Town.

Voted to dismiss the fourth article of the warrant.

Voted on the 5th art. of the warrant to raise a Committee to confer with Capt Benja.n Lee respecting the purchase of his farm, or such part of it as said Committee may describe for the purpose suitable to build a meeting house thereon. — — —

1815. New meeting House, Business. First movement

Voted and chose for said purpose Messrs

1815. Proceedings of May Meeting.

Messrs. Jonathan Wilder
John Thurston
Jonas Lane. who are desired to report at March Meeting next.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Eli Stearns Modr.

Attest J Flagg Clerk.

March meeting adjournment.

Monies. 3500.

Voted to raise Three thousand five hundred Dollars to defray the expences of the Town the current year. Appropriations as follows viz! For Schooling . $1000
Expences of Poor 1000
Revd Nathl Thayer's Salary 525
Singing School . 50 — 2575

Report of Committee on the Impropriety of allowing Individuals to work out their Taxes on their Private Roads.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the 7th art. of March Warrant. viz. "The Committee to whom was referred the 7th article of the March meeting warrant, which was "to consider the propriety of adopting some mode whereby a portion of the highway taxes may be diverted from their usual course," have attended the service assigned them and report, that considering that all monies raised by Towns for the support of the highways are to be assessed and apportioned among the Inhabitants in the same way as other Town Taxes; and also, considering that real estate situated off from the public road as well as otherwise disadvantageously located, is always estimated and taxed under such disadvantages; are of opinion, that no mode

can be legally be adopted whereby to divert any portion of the highway, Taxes from their usual Course. — All which is submitted,

Per Order

Moses Smith

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Eli Stearns Modr.

attest — Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Warrant for October meeting.

Worcester ss To Josiah Flagg Town Clerk of Lancaster . . . Greeting

seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby requires to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on monday the 23 day of October instant at one of the Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. — — — — —

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2d To see if the town will accept a way laid out by the selectmen from Mr. Wallicks clothiers shop, over the Bridge, to the road leading from Lancaster to Berlin, or act any thing relating thereto.

3d To hear the Report of the Committee appointed under article the 5th of last May meeting warrant.

4th To see if the town will accept the proposals made by Capt Benjamin Lee, for purchasing the place now occupied by Moses Smith Esq, or act any thing relating to procuring a place

1815. suitable to build a meeting house upon. —
Warrant for Octo. 5th To see if the town will take any measures
for Octo. for rebuilding or repairing the Bridges. — —
Meeting. Given under our hands and seal this
Continued. 9th day of October A. D. 1815. —

Samuel Manning. } Select
Calvin Wilder. } Men
Joel Wilder. } of Lancaster

Worcester ss. Octo. 9. 1815. In obedience to the
Notifica above warrant, I hereby notify and warn the
tion. freeholders and other inhabitants of said
Lancaster, qualified as aforesaid, to meet
at the time and place, and for the purposes
therein specified. — — — — —

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk of
Lancaster.

Return. Worcester ss Octo. 23d 1815. Pursuant to the
within warrant, I have notified the free
holders and other Inhabitants of the town of
Lancaster, as commanded by the within war
rant, by posting the same at the meeting
house as the Law directs.

J Flagg town Clerk.

True copies of the Warrant, Notification,
and Return. Attest,

Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1815.

Proceedings of October Meeting

At a legal meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the towne of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs assembled at the meeting house in said town on Monday the twenty third day of October A.D. 1815 at one of the Clock P.M. — — — — — — — —

Voted and chose Mr Eli Stearns Moder.

And after an introductory Prayer, the town voted not to accept the Report of the Committe on the 2nd article of the warrant.

Contemplated New Meeting House Business.

The town voted to Consider the Subject matter of the 3rd & 4th articles of the warrant, as one article, and accordingly were acted upon in the following manner, on Mr Smiths motion. —

Voted, that a committe consisting of one from each School District, be appointed to view and consider what spot would be most eligible to erect a meeting house upon, and how much land would be necessary. — If a spot on Capt Lees place should be considered preferable, whether the town can afford to give the price he asks, and how the residue after selecting the spot can be disposed of. — Also to make some estimate of the probable expence of building a meeting house with brick, as well as with wood, and to take into Consideration any other matter relating to the place to erect a meeting house upon, which said Committee may deem necessary.

Also to Consider the propriety of compensating the Pew holders and otherwise dispose of the old meeting House, said Committee to report at an adjournment of this meeting. — Voted a jun

1815. pose the following Gentlemen were chosen viz.
Proceedings of Oct. meeting Continued. Elisha Sanderson, John Robbins
2nd Wm Gould, Thomas Ballard
Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns
Samuel Ward 2nd Wm Cleveland
John Thurston, Danl. Harris
Titus 2nd Wilder Josiah Bridge.

2nd Voted to raise a Committee to inspect the several Bridges, and report at the adjournment of this meeting, the repairs necessary thereon to be made, and were chosen for said purpose,

Majr 2nd Eli Stearns,
Jacob Fisher,
Jno Thurston.

2nd Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of December next at 1 o'Clock P.M.

Eli Stearns Moderator

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

2nd Warrant for Dec.r Meeting. Seal.

2nd Worcester ss. To Elijah 2nd Wilder Constable of Lancaster - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on, Monday the fourth day of December next at two o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.—

1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting,
2nd To see if the Town will build a meeting house

and adopt such measures as they shall think most suitable for building the same, or act any thing relating thereto. — 1815. Dec. Warrant

3d. To see if the town will accept the laying out a road across the Prescott Bridge so called. — — — —

Given under our hands and seal this 19th of November A.D. 1815. — —

Saml Manning } Select men of
Joel Wilder } Lancaster

Worcester ss. In pursuance of the above warrant I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster qualified as aforesaid, to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes above named. Notification.

Elijah Wilder Constable

Dec. 4 1815. On the within, I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes of the within warrant. Elijah Wilder Constable Return.

True Copies of the Warrant, notification and Return. Attest

Josiah Flagg town Clerk

The inhabitants qualified as mentioned in the Warrant met in pursuance thereof this fourth day of December Anno Domini 1815 at 2 o'clock, and proceeded to Business as follows. viz. on the unfinished Business of the town meeting of the 23d October last which was adjourned to this day, Proceedings. —

1815.
Dec. 4th
Meeting
Proceeding
Continued.

"Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was reprised the subject matter of the 4th Article of the warrant of the 23 October last, which report is as follows viz. "Your Committee appointed to consider the subject of building a meeting House have attended that service and report, that the Scite of the farm of Capt Lees is the most eligible, That the quantity of land necessary for that purpose will be two acres, That if the Town decline purchasing the whole of the Lee Farm, other provision will be made to accomodate the Town. "With respect to building with Bricks or wood, we believe from what information we have been able to obtain, that a house 71 feet square in the interior, with a porch Tower and Cupola built of wood, will cost about $12000 and if built of Bricks, will cost about 2000 more: Many however are of opinion, that by contracting for so large a quantity of Bricks, they will come much Cheaper.— They further Report, that if a Portico in front of the Tower should be thought necessary (which many do) it will be an additional expence. With respect to compensating Pew holders in the old meeting house, Your committee are of opinion, that any remuneration to them must depend on the future will of the Town, "Elisha Sanderson, John Robbins

Report of Committee on building new meeting house.

"William Gould, Thomas Ballard
Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns, Sam[l] Ward
"Wm Cleveland, John Thurston
Daniel Harris, Titus Wilder
Josiah Bridge.

1815. Dec. 4. Meeting Proceed.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committe to whom was referred the 5th article of the warrant of 23d October meeting respecting Repairs on the River Bridges See the files. Voted also that a Committee be chosen to carry said Report into effect, and accordingly were chosen for said Purpose Messrs Jacob Fisher
Jno Thurston
Eli Stearns

Voted to dissolve this meeting.
Eli Stearn, Modr.
Attest J. Flagg Clerk.

The new meeting being now opened, Mr Eli Stearns was chosen by Ballot Moderator. - - -

New Meeting House Business

Voted to build a Meeting house.
Voted that the said meeting house be built Seventy one feet square in the interior of the house.
Voted that the walls of the same house be built with Bricks.
Voted that a Cupola be added to the tower of the new meeting house. Major Fisher proposes to the town, that he will purchase the farm of Capt Lee and will sell the Town two acres of land of the Premises suitable to build the Meeting house upon, at a fair appraisment made by three judicious, disinterested men not belonging to Town, who may

1815 be selected by the Town's Committee & himself.
Dec 4. Voted to accept the aforesaid Proposal of
Meeting Major Fisher's.
Proceed'd Voted that a Committee of Three be Chosen
Continued. to superintend the building a Meeting
House, and were accordingly Chosen
Mess'r Eli Stearns
Jacob Fisher
Wm Cleveland.
Voted That the said Committee be autho-
Comm'ee rized to negotiate a loan of Money for
may borrow the purpose of building the Meeting
Money for House, and Completing the same.
Building Voted to accept the Report of the Committee
Meeting Selectmen on a Road laid out by them
House. over Prescott's Bridge so called.
Voted to dissolve this Meeting.
Eli Stearns Mod'r.
attest J. Flagg Clerk.

Special Worcester ss. To Solomon Carter of Lancaster
seal Gentleman ----- Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of
Warrant Massachusetts, you are hereby required to no-
for tify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabit-
Town's Meet- ants of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs
ing 1816. to assemble at the Meeting House in said Town
on Wednesday the third day of January next,
at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following

articles viz. — — — 1816.

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting Jany 3d

2d To so far reconsider their vote passed at the last town Warrant
meeting, respecting the new meeting house as to
reduce the size then adopted, and also to consid-
er the propriety of adding a portico. — —

Given under our hands and seal this
29th day of Decr A.D. 1815. — — —

Saml Manning
Joel Wilder
Calvin Wilder
Select men of Lancaster

Worcester ss. January 3d 1816. In obedience to Return.
the within warrant I have notified the Inhab-
itants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at the
time and place and for the purposes within men-
tioned. Solomon Carter.

True Copies Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clk

At a special Meeting of the Inhabit- Proceed-
ants of the Town of Lancaster duly assembled ings.
pursuant to the Warrant this third day of Jan-
uary A.D. 1816. 1o Voted Pd.

Voted and chose Mr Eli Stearns Modr

Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last Town
meeting respecting the size of the Contemplated
New Meeting House.

Voted That a Committee be chosen to take into
Consideration the Subject respecting the Size

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of the new Meeting House; and for said purpose were chosen Mess Jonathan Wilder
Benja Wyman
Jno Thurston
Moses Emerson
Joel Wilder
Moses Smith
Davis Whitman who are requested to report immediatly to this meeting.

Voted to adjourn for half an hour.

Report of Comee on the Size of the Meeting House.

The Committee then offered the following Report, "The Committee appointed to consider the subject relative to the size of the Contemplated Meeting house, haveing attended the service assigned them, report, That in their opinion the Committee appointed to superintend the building said House be instructed by the Town to build said House in such manner as not to contain more than Four thousand four hundred, nor less than Four thousand two hundred square feet in the interior, conforming as near as conveniently may be, to one or the other of the plans herewith Submitted; - And also that said Committee be further instructed to add a porch and portico of such size and dimensions as shall be deemed necessary and convenient by said Committee.

Jan 7 3 1816. Jona Wilder Pr Ordr.

The town took into Consideration the said Report and Voted to accept the same, as far as relates to the size of the Meeting House, and a porch to the same.

Voted also to accept the Remainder of the Report

as respects the building a Portico to the said House.
Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Eli Stearns Moderator,

attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1816 Jany 3 meeting Proceedings

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required, to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, and in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fourth day of March next, at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. —

1st. To choose a moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs.

2d. To choose Town officers for the year ensuing. — — — —

3d. To raise money to defray the necessary expences of the town the current year, & appropriate the same. —

4th. To give in their votes for County Treasurer.

5th. To give in their votes for Register of Deeds for said County.

6th. To see if the Town will reconsider their vote passed at a meeting held on the 23d of October last by which the town refused to accept of a town way laid out by the Selectmen from Brattle's & Mathers Shop to the Road leading from Esq. Whiting, to Berlin and act any thing relating thereto.

7th To hear a Report from their Committee for

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building the Meeting house and act any thing thereon.

8th To determine whether the Town will have a Clock Dial prepared for the Meeting house.

9th To instruct their Committee respecting the entrance into the new Meeting house. —

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of February A.D. 1816. —

Sam.l Manning } Select-men of Lancaster.
Joel Wilder }

Notification.

I hereby notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in Town affairs, to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes of the above warrant. Elijah Wilder, Constable.

Return.

Worcester ss. March 4. 1816. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Town officers and in Town affairs, to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs. —

Elijah Wilder Constable.

Proceedings of March Meeting.

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Town officers and in Town affairs, assembled in pursuance of the Warrant on Monday the fourth day of March Anno Domini 1816.

After the warrant, a list of Voters

was read, the town then voted and chose, 1816.
Jacob Fisher Esqr Moderator. Proceed^g of March Meeting.

Prayers were then Offered to the Throne of Grace by Revd Mr Thayer, and after the Town proceeded in their usual Annual business. — —

Voted and chose the following persons in to Office. Viz Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

The Selectmen, accounts together with the Treasurer's were read, and Committed to Jonas Lane
Jacob Fisher
Josiah Flagg.

Voted and chose Saml Manning
Calvin^h Wilder
Joel^h Wilder } Selectmen.

" " " Eli Stearns Treasurer.

" " Benj^a Wyman
Sol^o Carter
Moses Smith } Assessors.

" " Jonas Lane, Saml Manning
Saml Dollison, Elijah^h Wilder, Jon^a Wilder,
Peter Sawyer, Martin Burpee, Joel^h Wilder
Paul^h Willard, Jacob Fisher, Luke^h Wilder,
Saml Rugg, Thomas Burpee Jno Hawks Jun.
Surveyors of Highways.

Voted and chose Benj^a H. Foster Sealer of Leather

" " " Asa Arnold Amos Sawyer
Abijah^h White Calvin Johnson
Field drivers.

" " " Jonas^h Whitney, Jno Goodwin,
Jon^a Buttrick, Joseph Farwell Jr.
Fence Viewers. —

" " " Abel Butler
Jno Hawks Jr.
Cullers of Staves.

1816 March meeting Continued.

Voted and chose Jon^a Buttrick and Thomas Howe, Surveyors of Boards and Shingles.

" " " George Sawyer, Saml Wilder
Amos Adams, Joseph Farwell 2^d.
Hannibal Laughton, Ezra Sawyer,
Martin Burpee, Amasa^h Willard,
Saml Dollison, Elias Sawyer,
Hog reeves.

Voted and chose Josiah Bridge.
Josiah Flagg Thos Howe.
Nathl Lowe Woodmeasurers.

Voted to pass over the choice of Deer reeves, and Fish wardens, to the adjournment.

Voted also to pass over the choice of Pound Keeper to the adjournment.

Voted and chose Joseph^h Wilder. John Goss 2. Pliny Newhall. (Committee to Superintend Singing.)

Voted and chose Saml Manning. James Carter. Calvin Carter. (Kine Pox Committee.)

Voted and chose Joseph Wales, Josiah^h Bridge, Joel^h Wilder, Jonas Lane, Jeremiah Dyer John Goss, Jno Robbins, Joseph Rugg Tything Men.

Voted and chose Edward Goodwin Joseph^h Wales, Moses Smith (Com^ee for hiring L. G. School Master.)

Voted and chose Revd Nathl Thayer, Jeremiah Dyer.
Willm Cleveland, Saml Ward, Jon^a Wilder, Josiah Bridge, Moses Emerson, Saml Manning, Eli Stearns, Farnham Plummer Joel^h Wilder Benjn Houghton 2^d. Visiting Committee.

1816. March Meeting Continued.

2 Voted and chose a Committee to superintend Small Repairs on the River Bridges. — Viz Charles Bigelow for Sprague's, Thomas Bennett for Bennetts, Abner Pollard for Center, Benj.a Houghton for Quasipon, Jonathan Wilder for Atherton's, Jeremiah Eyre for Whites, Daniel Harris for Harris's

2 Voted to pass over raising Money to the adjournment. Also the Choice of County Treasu.

The Inhabitants being called upon to bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds & the being counted and found the whole number was one hundred & sixty four of which Number Benj.a Kimball Esq had 125 / Josiah Hagg " 23 / James Willson 20 / 164

2 Votes for County Register.

2 Voted to reconsider the vote passed at a meeting held on the 23d October last by which the Town refused to accept of a town way laid out by the Selectmen from Battis's Clothier's Shop to the Road leading from Esq Whiting's to Berlin. — — — —

2 Voted to accept the Selectmens Report of a Road laid out by them from Elias Bennetts Mill to the Road leading from Lancaster to Berlin.

2 Voted on the seventh article to accept the Report of the Committee which is as follows Viz.

New meeting House, Business.

2 Whereas at a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster on the 2d day of December 1815. the Town voted to build a new meeting house and erect it on the Land owned by Benjamin Lee Esq of Cambridge

1816 March Meeting Continued

provided they could have two acres for that purpose at a fair price, which they were apprised should be the case by Major Fisher, viz that said land should be appraised to the Town by three judicious Men, not living in Lancaster to be agreed on by the town's Committee, and the purchaser of the whole of Capt Lee's farm. The Report of Committee on Meeting House Business

town accepted that proposition; but it so happened, that the Town's Committee were all interested in the purchase of the whole of Capt Lee and for that reason the Select men were requested to be a party for the town, which they accepted, together with the town committee, who were the purchasers agreed to submit the value of said Meeting house spot to James Wilder Moses Thomas and Thomas H. Blood Esqr all of Sterling.

Sam[l] Manning
Joel Wilder
} Select men of Lancaster

Jacob Fisher
Eli Stearns
} In behalf of the purchasers of the Lee Farm.

Lancaster Feb. 19. 1816. We the undersigned have this day attended the service assigned us by the foregoing agreement and after carefully examining the premises, are of opinion that the spot selected for a Meeting house containing two acres is worth Six hundred and thirty three Dollars, and thirty three Cents and no more.

appraised value of the Meeting House Site. £ ct 633,33

James Wilder
Moses Thomas.
Thos H. Blood.

A true Copy
Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1816
March.

Your Committee further report that they have made an arrangement with Capt Benjamin Lee for the purchase of the whole of his land, two acres of which will be conveyed directly to the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, and we recommend that the Select Men be authorized to receive a deed, and give security in behalf of the Town therefor. There is due of the Farm will be conveyed to those individuals who were respondents to Major Fishers proposition, and give their security to Capt Lee viz, Jonathan Wilder, John Thurston, Eli Stearns, Jonas Lane, Jacob Fisher, Moses Emerson and William Cleveland.

New meeting. House, Business.

Your Committee further Report, that it will be actually necessary to have some kind of Sheds provided, previous to building the Meeting house, to cover the lime, and for the Carpenters to work under, and think the town think proper to furnish land to erect permanent horse sheds upon, which we believe ought to be the case, it will be no more than a reasonable requisition, that individuals should erect them for the towns use, in proper season for that purpose, and agreeable to such uniform plan as the town may direct

all which is submitted by Eli Stearns, Jacob Fisher, Wm Cleveland } Com.ee

Voted That a committee be raised to superintend the placing the sheds alluded to in the foregoing report in such manner as they may think fit and proper and for said purposes were Chosen

Moses Emerson
Jon.a Wilder
Jonas Lane
Jno Thurston
Joseph Wales
Thomas Ballard
Joseph Leach.

1816. March Meeting in Continuation.

"Voted that a Clock dial be prepared for the new Meeting House. — — — —

"Voted That the entrance into the new Meeting House be at the South end thereof. — —

"Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at 4 o Clock P.M.

J. Flagg. T. Cler. Jacob Fisher Mod.r

True Copies of the Warrant Return & Proceedings.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Select-men Sworn.

"Worcester ss. March 4.th 1816. Samuel Manning, Calvin Wilder, and Joel Wilder Selectmen of Lancaster, made solemn oath, that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their Office as respects all elections, and the Returns thereof. before me Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Town Clerk Sworn.

"Worcester ss. March 4. 1816. Then personally appeared Josiah Flagg, and made oath that he would truly record all votes of the Town, and that he would faithfully discharge all other duties incumbent upon him as Clerk of the town of Lancaster during the year and until another Clerk should be chosen and sworn in his stead. Before me Jacob Fisher, Justice of the peace.

A true Copy of the Certificate on file —

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clk

Worcester ss. March 14th 1816 Personally appeared on the fourth day of March instant and between that time and the date hereof Eli Stearns Treasurer. Benjamin 2d Wyman Solomon Carter and Moses Smith Assessors. Jonas Lane, Samuel Manning, Elijah Wilder, Jonathan 2d Wilder, Peter Sawyer Joel Wilder, Paul Willard, Jacob Fisher Surveyors of Highways. Martin Burpee Samuel Rugg, John Hawks Jun, Benjamin H. Foster Sealer of Leather. Asa Arnold, Amos Sawyer, Abijah White Calvin Johnson Fielddrivers. Jonas Whitney, John Goodwin, Jonathan Buttrick Joseph Farwell 2. Fenceviewers. Jonathan Buttrick Thomas Howe Surveyors of Lumber, Amos Adams, Joseph Farwell 2. Hannibal Laughton, Ezra Sawyer Martin Burpee Amasa 2d Willard, Elias Sawyer Hogreeves. Abel Butler, Jno Hawks, Jun. Cullers of Staves. Josiah Bridge Thomas Howe Nath Lowe Woodmeasurers. Joseph Wales Josiah Bridge, Joel Wilder Jonas Lane Jno Robbins Joseph Rugg Tything Men. were severally Sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing according to Law. before me

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1816 Town Officers Sworn.

March 15. 1816. Lake Wilder Highway surveyor
Mar. 16. Benjamin 2d Wyman Assessor. Josiah Bridge Tything Man and Woodmeasurer
on the 26. Jonathan 2d Wilder Highway Surveyor. Thomas Burpee highway surveyor. Joseph Wales Tything Man April 1. 1816 John Ballard Pound keeper. Eli Stearns Jon[a] Locke, Jn[o] Thurston Tithingmen Jonas Lane, John Ballard Deerreeves,

Town Officers Sworn.

1816.
Warrant for March 25 Meeting

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster Greeting — —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town, on Thursday the 28th instant at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles Viz.

Art. 1st To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting. — — — — —

2nd To see if the town will reconsider their vote passed on the 4th day of March instant, instructing the committee appointed to superintend the building the new meeting house, to place the front or entry thereof to the South, or act any thing relating thereto.

3d To instruct their Committee respecting the kind of wood of which the Pulpit shall be built.

4. To so far reconsider their vote passed at their last town Meeting accepting a way laid out by the Selectmen 2½ rods wide from Bennetts Mills to Berlin Road, as to alter it to 2 rods wide, or act any thing relating thereto. Given under our hands and Seal this 7th day of March A.D. 1816.

Sam[l] Manning (Seal)
Joel Wilder (Selectmen of Lancaster)

March 7. 1816 I hereby notify and warn the free holders and other Inhabitants to assemble at the meeting house at the time and place and for the purposes of the above warrant.

Elijah Wilder Constable.

1816. March 25th Warrant Notification.

Worcester ss March 25. 1816 By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs by posting the within warrant at the Meeting house as the Law directs.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

Return.

True copies of the Warrant for Town Meeting 25th March A.D 1816 and the notification and Return thereon.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk of Lancaster

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled this 25th day of March Anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixteen, pursuant to the Warrant and notification.

Proceedings of March 25th Meeting.

Voted and chose Mr Eli Stearns Moderator

The question on the second Article of the Warrant called for an adjournment, it was therefore Voted, That the Meeting should be adjourned one half hour. When after due consideration, it was Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the Meeting of the 4th Instant as respects the entrance into the new Meeting house. After ample discussion of the subject, & the question being put, Whether the entrance to the Contemplated

New Meeting House Business.

1816 Proceedgs March 25th

new meeting house should be at the West. It was Voted, that the entrance into the new meeting house should be at the West. and the Votes stood as the house was polled Ninety nine for, and Fifty seven against it.

New Meeting house business Continued

Voted on the 3d article to Commit the subject to the Committee appointed by the Town to superintend the building the meeting house, joined with the architect, Mr. Hersey.

architect.

On the 4th article, Voted that the Consideration thereof, be put over to the adjournment of this meeting in May next.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of May next at 4o Clock P.M.

Eli Stearns Modt.

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

L.S.

Worcester ss. To Josiah Flagg Clerk of the Town of Lancaster Greeting.

Warrt. for April Meeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor, Lt Governor, Senators and Counsellors and in Town Affairs to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of April next at one o Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz —

1st To bring in their votes for Governor Leiut Governor, Senators and Counsellors, for the Year ensuing

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2d. To choose a moderator to govern the Meeting in town affairs.

3. To restrain neat cattle, horses asses and Mules, from going at large on the common highways the year ensuing, or act any thing thereto relating.

Given under our hands and seal this eighteenth day of March A.D. 1816.

Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder
Selectmen of Lancaster.

Worcester ss. March 18. 1816 The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as above, are hereby notified to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant. Josiah Flagg Town Clerk of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester ss. April 1. 1816. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Governor, Lieutenant Governor Senators and Counsellors and in Town affairs as within commanded by posting this Warrant at the Meeting house as the Law directs. — — — Josiah Flagg (Town Clk of Lancaster.

Return.

True copies of the warrant Notification and Return,
attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk of Lancaster.

1810. Proceedings of April Meeting

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, holden on the first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators and Counsellors of said Commonwealth: The whole number of votes given in were sorted, counted recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following Persons. For Governor:—

Votes for Govern^r &c.—

Hon. John Brooks. . . . 215

Hon. Samuel Dexter. . . 65.

For Lieut. Governor.

His Honor William Phillips 216

Hon. William Kings . 64

For Senators and Counsellors.

Hon. Silas Holman 206

" Oliver Crosby 216

Daniel Waldo Esq. . . 215

Gen. Thomas H. Bloods . . 213.

Joseph Adams. 64

Edmund Cushing 64

Jonas Sibley 64

Zadock Gates . . . 64.

The Town proceeded in their business

Voted and Chose Mr Eli Stearns Mod^r.

1816. April Meeting Proceedings Continued

Voted to restrain neat cattle, horses mules and asses from going at large on the Common or highways from this first day of April to the first day of November next. — — — — —

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Eli Stearns Moderator.

attest J. Flagg Town Clk.

The adjournment of March meeting being now opened. — — — — —

Voted and chose Mr John Ballard Pound keeper.

Voted and chose Messrs Eli Stearns, Jon[a] Locke, Jno Thurston, Thos Howe } Fish Wardens.

Voted and chose Messrs Jonas Lane, John Ballard } Deer Keepers.

Voted to raise eight hundred Dollars to be worked out and expended on the Highways the ensuing year and after the usual manner. $800.

Highway Monies.

Voted that the raising Money for the expenditures of the town the Current Year shall be put over to the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to defer voting for County Treasurer till the adjournment of this meeting. — —

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of May next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Jacob Fisher Mod[r]

True copy

attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

N.B. Those Laws were read by the Clerk at this April Meeting, which is his annual duty,

1816. April 8th Warrant.

a Worcester ss. To Elijah d Wilder Constable of the Town of Lancaster — Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday the eighth day of April next, at two of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz

1st To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.

2d To reconsider their vote passed the 25th Instant, relative to the entrance into the new meeting house, or act any thing relating thereto.

Contemplated

3d To see if the Town will choose three or more disinterested Men from the neighbouring Towns, to determine whether the west or south is the most proper for the entrance into said house. —

Given under our hands and seal this twenty fifth day of March Anno Domini 1816.

Calvin d Wilder (Selectmen
Joel d Wilder) of Lancaster.

Notification.

a Worcester ss. March 25. 1816. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified and warned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Elijah d Wilder (Constable of Lancaster.

Worcester ss. April 8. 1816. By virtue of this warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes of the within warrant. Elijah Wilder (Constable of Lancaster.

1816 April 8th Warrant Return

The foregoing are true copies of the warrant, notification and Return

attest, Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 8th day of April Anno Domini, 1816. pursuant to the warrant and notification, Voted and chose Capt John Maynard Moderator.

Proceedings.

Voted to reconsider their vote passed the 25th Instant relative to the entrance into the new meeting house. — — —

New meeting house Business

The Hon Moses Smith Esq presented to the town for the consideration of the Inhabitants thereof Assembled, the following motion

"Town Meeting Lancaster April 8. 1816.

"Whereas, inasmuch as there is a great difference in sentiment and opinion among the well disposed inhabitants of this Town, in regard to the location of the entrance of the new contemplated meeting house, and with a view to settle this question in a manner which shall be fair, and satisfactory to all the inhabitants, and prevent the ill conse

1816. quences which always flow from disputes
Proceed- and quarrels in Towns on subjects of this nature,
ings of and to preserve that peace and harmony
April 8. for which this town has ever justly been
Meeting distinguished and celebrated: Therefore, Resolved and voted, that each of the parties select from among themselves three Gentlemen to be a committee, which committees so chosen shall each place on Tickets of equal size, the names of six discreet and judicious Gentlemen, not residing in any town adjoining Lancaster, which Tickets, with the names so written upon them shall be rolled up and put into a box, and the first drawn five, or a Majority of them, shall constitute a Committee to locate the Meeting house, so far as respects the entrance thereof; and the Committees thus chosen shall notify the locating Committee of their choice, and shall attend upon them to see that no unfair means are used to prejudice their minds and the decision of said locating Committee shall be final, and the building committee be governed thereby." — After discussing the subject of this motion, Col. Lane moved that a Committee of twelve be chosen viz, six from among those who were in favour of entering the new proposed meeting house at the West, and six from among those who preferred the entrance to the South, for the purpose of selecting a Committee to choose the locating Committee, and this motion

New Meeting House Business

was voted acceptance, and the following Gentlemen were nominated voted for, and and chosen. viz. 1816. April meetg 8th proceedings

West.
Thomas Ballard,
Levi Lewis,
Edward Goodwin,
James Carter,
Isaac Childs,
Thomas Howe,

South.
Saml Ward,
Benja Wyman,
Jonas Lane,
Jona Locke,
Jona Wilder,
John Thurston.

Voted to adjourn for twenty minutes to give time for said Committee to retire and select from the Inhabitants the two Committees of three each to choose the Locating Committee. The meeting again opened and the Committee came in and reported the following List viz

New Meeting House, Business.

Messrs Samuel Ward
Jonas Lane Jno Thurston
Thomas Ballard, Isaac Childs
Edward Goodwin.
for the Committee to select the Locating Committee

and the town voted to accept of said List.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

John Maynard Modr.

attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Worcester ss. April 8. 1816. Jacob Fisher Esq was sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties belonging to the office of weigher of Beef for the Town of Lancaster the current year to which he was appointed Josiah Flagg Justice

Sworn Beef weigher.

1816. May 6th Warrant

[L.S.]

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster. Greetings

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the sixth day of May next at one o'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz

Art. 1. To bring in their votes for one or more suitable person or persons, to represent the Town in the General Court of this Commonwealth the year ensuing. — — —

2d. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in town affairs.

3. To see if the town will accept an alteration made by the Select men in the Road leading from Bennetts Mills to Berlin Road, and discontinue the one accepted by the town at March meeting last or act any thing relating thereto. — — —

4th To see if the town will discontinue the Road leading from Mr Billings' currriers Shop to Mr Jos Jones' or act any thing relating thereto.

New Meeting House, Business.

5th To see if the town will add one or more Clocks Dials, to the new contemplated Meeting House.

6th To see if the Town will accept a list of persons exhibited by the Select Men, suitable to be placed in the Jury Box.

Given under our hands & Seal

this 22d day of April A.D. 1816. 1816.

Saml Manning
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder
Select men of Lancaster

May. Warrant.

Pursuant to the above I hereby notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in said town on Monday the sixth day of May next at one o'Clock P.M. to act on the above articles. Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster
April 22 1816.

Notification.

Worcester ss. May 6. 1816. By virtue of this warrant I have notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants to assemble at the time & place for the purposes within mentioned
Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

Return.

True copies of the warrant
Notification and Return
Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town affairs, assembled this sixth day of May A.D. 1816 pursuant to the warrant and notification.

Proceedgs

The town voted to be fully Represented in the General Court of this Commonwealth

1816. May Proceedings. The votes being called for, were counted and sorted, and Capt John Thurston was declared to be duly elected. — — —

The votes again were called for, counted & sorted, and Capt Edward Goodwin was declared to be duly elected. — — — — —

Meeting opened for Town affairs, and the votes for Moderator being called for, and Capt Edward Goodwin was unanimously elected.

Two Representatives Chosen.

Voted to dismiss the 3d & 4th Articles of the warrant.

" Voted to submit the consideration of the 5th article to the Committee to superintend the building the Meeting house for their decision.

Voted and chose a Committee to select from the list exhibited to the town by the Select Men suitable persons to be placed in the Jury Box.

Jury Box Regulated. viz. Moses Smith, Jacob Fisher, Jon.a Wilder, Jno Thurston, Timo Whiting, Moses Emerson, Benj.a Wyman, who reported a list which was accepted by the Town.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Edward Goodwin Modr.

attest Josiah Flagg Clerk.

April meeting adjournment opened, Votes for County Treasurer being called for Samuel Allen Esq had the whole number being Sixty Two. —

1816 May

Proceedgs Contin^d

Monies $3500.

Votes for Constable were called for but adjourn'd that subject to give time to the Selectmen to agree with a person to Collect the Taxes the current year.

Voted to raise Three thousand five hundred dollars to defray the expences of the Town the ensuing year, and appropriate the same as follows viz.

For the support of the Poor . . .	$1100.
Reo^d Mr Thayers Salary	525.
Support of Bridges . .	500.
Support of Schools . .	1100.
Support of Singing School	50.
Contingent expences	300

Collection of Taxes, struck off at 1¼ p^r Cent.

The collection of the Taxes for the ensuing Year were, by the Moderator put up at Auction, and it was struck off to Mr Joseph Farwell at one and one quarter per cent.

Voted and chose Mr Elijah Wilder Constable.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Jacob Fisher Mod^r.

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk.

March meeting adjournment opened. Voted on the 4th article of the warrant of a meeting the 25th day of March last, to so far reconsider the said vote as to remove the bounds on the north side of said Road

1816. May

one half rod South so as to leave the said road two rods wide. — —

Proceed'g Continued

Voted to dissolve this meeting. —

Eli Stearns Modr.

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk. —

Constable Sworn.

Worcester Ss. May 10. 1816. Personally appeared Elijah Wilder, and took the oath prescribed by law, for the Office of Constable for the Town of Lancaster.

Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Seal.

Worcester Ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster. Greeting.

Warrant June 3d Meeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the meeting house in said Town, on Monday the third day of June next at 3d Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. - - - - - - - - -

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2d To see if the town will instruct their building Committee to make an entrance or door at the west side of their new contemplated meeting house, with a suitable porch or portico thereat, in uniformity with the rest of said house, or act any thing relating thereto said meeting house. - - - - - - - -

3d To see if the town will permit such individuals or any part of them who shall make application at this meeting, the privilege of having one Cow each run at large on the Common or highways under such regulations as the town may adopt, and direct their field drivers to clear the highways of all other Cattle

or act anything relating thereto. — 1816 June 2 Warrant

Given under our hands and Seal this 26th day of May A.D. 1816. Sam[l] Manning, Calvin Wilder, Joel Wilder } Selectmen of Lancaster.

Pursuant to the above, I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes of the above. Elijah[h] Wilder (Constable of Lancaster) Notification.

Worcester ss June 3. 1816. By virtue of this warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants to meet at the time and place as the law directs. — — — — — Elijah[h] Wilder (Constable of Lancaster) Return.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs assembled at the meeting house this 3[d] day of June A.D. 1816. Pursuant to the warrant and notification — — — Proceedings.

Voted and chose M[r] Eli Stearns Moderator.

On M[r] Smith's motion, Voted, that those inhabitants who are not satisfied at the doings of the Committee for locating the Meeting house, should state their grievances to the Town, before an investigation of the subject, should be had thereon.

Voted that the Gentlemen who were chosen a Committee to locate the Meeting house are desired to give evidence, and make disclosures of any matter which may have transpired before them and all circumstances relative to locating said Meeting house. — — And after much questioning and answering and debate, the following motion was made; That all those who were satisfied with the fairness and candour exhibited by the locating Committee, and the town's Committee, and that no undue influence was had on the occasion of locating the Meeting house, would signify it. When the said motion was unanimously voted. — — — — — — New Meeting house Business.

1816 June 3 Meeting Proceedings Contin.

Voted, That the Gentlemen of the Locating Committee, being at this meeting at present by particular invitation, are entitled to the Thanks of this Town, for their polite attention in attending this meeting, and that they be invited to retire to Mr Rand's Tavern where Refreshment is provided for them by the Selectmen.

Meeting House Busines

Voted, That there be no entrance made at the west side of the proposed new meeting house.

The house was polled, and there were 75 to 20

Voted to dismiss the 3 Article in the warrant. Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Eli Steams Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

True Copies of the Warrant Notification Return and proceedings of said Meeting.

Attst J. Flagg. Town Clerk

Seal

Warrant for Meeting July 2.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders & other inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in said town on tuesday the second day of July next at 4 o'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

Art 1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

" 2. To See if the Town will permit a certain number of Cows to go at large on the highways the present season under certain Restrictions, or act any thing relating thereto.

3. To accept the Report of the Committee on the Selec

men and Treasurers account for 1815.

1816
July 2d
Warrant.

Given under our hands and seal this fourteenth day of June Anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixteen.

Sam[l] Manning
Calvin Wilder
Select men of Lancaster

Worcester ss. June 18. 1816. By virtue of this warrant I hereby notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster to meet at the time and place and for the purposes of the above

Notification.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster.

Worcester ss. July 2 1816. By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned. Elijah Wilder Constable Lancaster

Return.

True Copies of the Warrant Notification and Return.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster assembled pursuant to the warrant and notification this second day of July A. D. 1816.

Proceedings.

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq Moderator

Voted That no Cows be permitted between this day and the first of November next to go at large on the Common or highways, unless the owners thereof first obtain a license from the Select men therefor and cause the same cows to wear a label on the neck designating the name of the owner, and also that

1816 July 2. Cows Restrained.

the Selectmen keep a record of the names of the persons whose cows are so permitted to go at large and cause said names to be posted up in all the Public places in Town; the whole of which business is confided to the discretion of the Selectmen: Provided however, no person shall be licenced to let more than one Cow so run at large, and that no licences be granted to any but the necessitous. — —

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was referred an examination of the Selectmen and Treasurers accounts for the Year 1815. — — — — — — —

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Jacob Fisher Moderator.

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Amount of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 1. 1815 to March 1. 1816. — — — — —

Prudentials for 1815.

For Poor.

Dr J. Carters Bill	855.34	
Augustus Greenville	16.66	
Mercy Manning	39.—	
David Butler	35	946.
Paid Dr Atherton for doctoring Charlotte Lawyer decd in 1810 Bal. due the estate of said decd from the Town	8.15	
Paid Doctor J. Carter for boarding & doctoring Doct Still from Jany to March 1815	23.20	31.35
		$977.35

For Large Bridges

Whites	6.1	
Spragues	35.26	
Athertons	3.25	
Centre	3.	47.52

1815
Prudential Accts

To amount of Large Bridges expence brot up		47.52
" Bennetts Bridge	22.70	
" Ponniken "	8.90	
" Factory "	154.99	
" Spragues dry Bridge	138.30	324.89
		372.41
Warning town Officers	5.10	
Do Meetings	5	10.10
Costs of Law Suits.		
Lancaster vs Quincy	10 -	
Gt Barrington vs Lancaster	64.41	
Peter Kendall vs Do	5	79.41
For burying fields		
Centre	27.40	
Old Common	4.20	31.61
For Militia		18
Meeting house		9 -
Surveying Roads	1.25	
Laying out Do	5	6.25
For Schools.		
L. G. School	307.20	
E. G Do	728 -	
Singing Do	50	1085.20
For taxes		
Abatement of	8.68	
assessing	51.29	
Collecting	101.66	161.63
Recording Births & Deaths		6.88
Reo N. Thayers Salary		525 -
Overseeing Poor		45 -
Entertaining Town Officers &c.		
Selectmen & Treasurers ballance on last year	13.98	
Do Present Year	15.67	29.65

1816 July 2. Meeting	Entertainment Town officers accot Brot over		29.65
	Assessors bal. on last year	1.12½	
	Do Present yr	21.18	22.30½
Prudentials Contin.d	Committees &c		11.36
			63.31½
	Postage of Letters		0.17
	Total expenditures		$3418.29

Saml Manning
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder
} Select men of Lancaster

1815 Dr the town of Lancaster in acco.t with

June 5 1816.	For Town orders pr Selectmens Rects		596.5
Jany 1	" Ditto	Do do	266.21
Feb 19	" Ditto	Do do	1240.14
	" Cash pr Military Rations		2.60
March 1	" Town orders pr Selectmens Receipts		1822.67
	Ballance in Treasurers hands		155.72
			$4083.39

Report Exam Comee

We the subscribers appointed by the town to examine the Select Men and Treasurers accounts for the year 1815. have attended that service and find them correctly kept, and well vouched

Jonas Lane
Jacob Fisher
Josiah Flagg
} Comee

March 18. 1816.

True Copies attest
Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1816.

The town of Lancaster . . . Dr.

To outstanding orders	107.9
Ballance due the Town . . .	128.22
	$ 235.31

Supra Contra.

By ballance in Treasury . .	155.72
Accounts & debts due the town .	79.59
	$ 235.31

Calvin^d Wilder } Selectmen
Joel Wilder } of Lancaster.

1815. Eli Stearns Town Treasurer . . . Cr.

May 7	By ballance of old account brought forward .	356.53
10	" Cash rec'd for Asa Arnolds account	1.24
21	" Cash rec'd of the Select Men for vendue accounts .	10.17
May 16	" Cash rec'd for Benj^a H. Foster's note . .	22.3
"	" Cash rec'd for D^o D^o account . .	1.57
June 3	" Cash rec'd of Select men for War Services .	67.26
5	" Cash rec'd for Jno Carter's account . . .	4.30
	" Cash rec'd of the Commonwealth for Wm Shearer	43 –
Aug 22	" Cash rec'd for Saml Wilder's account . .	4.29
	" Cash rec'd for Edward Goodwin's account .	0.87
	" Cash rec'd for Jno Carter 3^d account . .	7.30
	" Cash rec'd for Sylvester Phelps account	1.5
	" Assessments for 1815	3507.87
Sep. 4	" Cash rec'd for Thomas Safford's account.	1.12
Nov 27 1816	Cash rec'd in part for George Phelps note & accot	10.67
Jan. 5	" Cash rec'd of M Smith Esq for Thos Bennett J^r note & acc^t	29.76
	" Cash rec'd of Jeremiah Fates account . .	21
29	" Cash rec'd for Moses Jones account . . .	1.94
Feb 19	" Cash rec'd for Jno Maynard's 2 accounts . .	2.27
Mar 1	" Cash rec'd for Joseph Wilder's account . .	1.5
	" Cash rec'd for ballance Joel Osgoods note May 16	8.89
		$ 4083.39

Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Saml Manning } Selectmen
Calvin Wilder } of
Joel Wilder } Lancaster.

1816.
Warrant for Meeting Aug. 26.
Seal

To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives & in town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on monday the 26th instant at 3 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. — —

Art 1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2nd To know the further will of the Town respecting the shed ground. — — —

3d To consider the propriety of having a Bell to the new meeting house, and the most proper mode to obtain it.

4. To bring in their votes for a Register of deeds for said County. — — — —

5. To see if the Town will reduce the Road leading from Bennetts Mills to Berlin Road or act any thing relating thereto. — —

6 To adopt such Measures as the Town may think best with regard to an order of Notice served upon the Town by Timothy Whiting Esq. and Paul Faulkner respecting the Bennett Road or act any thing relating thereto.

Given under our my hands & seal this 12th day of August A.D. 1816.

Saml Manning
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder
} Select mey Lancaster.

Pursuant to the above, I notify the freeholders & other inhabitants to meet at the time and place and for the purposes of the above warrant.

Aug. 12. 1816. Elijah Wilder Constable

Worcester ss. August 26. 1816. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants as the law directs. Elijah Wilder Constable.

1816 Warrant Returned Aug. 26 1816.

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified and assembled pursuant to the warrant on Monday the 26th day of August A.D. 1816 at 3 o'Clock P.M.

Proceedings

Voted and chose Moses Smith Esq Moderator.

Voted to commit the subject of the 2d article of the warrant to the consideration of a Committee of Seven: accordingly were chosen Messrs

Eli Stearns
Thomas Ballard, Jon.a Wilder
Jeremiah Ballard, Joseph Leach
Jonas Lane John Maynard. — who are desired to report at the adjournment of this meeting.

New Meeting House. Business

Voted to have a Bell for the Meeting House now building.

Voted to leave the question as to the size of the said Bell to the Committee appointed to Superintend the building said Meeting House.

The votes for a Register being called for were sorted and counted, whole number 99

Votes for Register.

Benjamin Kimball Esq had		83
Josiah Flagg Esq	"	15
Hon.r Oliver Fish	"	1

Voted to dismiss the 5th article.

Voted that the Selectmen be appointed agents to defend against the orders of Notice served on the Town by Timothy Whiting Esq and Paul Faulkner.

1816 Proceedings of 26th Augt Meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of Nov: next at 4 o'Clock P.M.

Moses Smith Modr.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

A true Copy of the Warrant and Proceedings of a meeting held 26th August A.D. 1816.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Warrant for Meeting November 4th 1816.

(L.S.)

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs, to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of November next, at one o'Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.

Art. 1. To give in their votes for a person to represent Worcester North District in the fifteenth Congress of the United States of America.

2. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

3. To bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds for said County.

4. To adopt such Measures as the town may think proper, relating to the expence, and closing the whole business of Building the new Meeting House: also for disposing of the pews in the same.

Given under our hands & Seal this 25th day of October A.D. 1816.

Sam'l Mannsing
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

I hereby notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster to meet at the time and place and for the purposes of the above warrant. 1816 Notification.

Elijah Wilder Constable

Worcester ss. November 4. 1816. By virtue of the warrant I have notified the freeholders and others Inhabitants as the Law directs. Return.

Elijah Wilder Constable.

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Lancaster for Representative to Congress, and for Town affairs this 4th day of November A.D. 1816. Proceedings of 4th Nov. Meeting.

The votes being called for by the Selectmen for a Person to represent the Worcester North District in the fifteenth Congress of the United States of America, were sorted and counted, and the whole number of Votes were found to be . . 116

Hon. Solomon Strong had - - - 102
Edmund Cushing Esq " 14 Representative to Congress.

Meeting for Town affairs opened

Voted and chose Jacob Fiske Esq Moderator.

The votes for Register of Deeds being called for sorted and counted, and were for the following Persons viz. Benjamin Kimball Esq 92. Votes Register of Deeds.
Hon Oliver Fiske . . 2
Hon. Moses Smith . . 2

Col. Jonas Lane brought forward the following Motion viz. Town meeting Lancaster Nov. 4. 1816. Moved that the Committee for building the Meeting House, together with one Gentleman chosen from each School district be a committee to consider and report to the Town what will be the New meeting ing House Business

1816 Nov. 4. Proceedgs

best mode of disposing of the Pews in the new meeting house. — Also to consider and report what number of Free pews, are necessary in said house and where it is expedient they should be located. Said Committee to call on the Select men for a Town meeting whenever they may think it fit an convenient to report their proceedings. — —

The following gentlemen were thereupon nominated for the said purpose and chosen by the Town viz. No. 1. Elisha Sanderson, No. 2. John Robbins. No. 3. Wm Gould, No. 4. John Maynard, No. 5. Caleb Lincoln, No. 6. Jonas Lane, No. 7. Calvin Wilder, No. 8. Moses Emerson, No. 9. John Thurston, No. 10. Nathl. Lowe No. 11. Ebenr. Wilder No. 12 Moses Smith. — — —

New meeting House Business, Committee of appraisment of the Pews.

Voted to choose a Committee of Five persons, to examine the accounts of the building Committee and report to the Town when they may think it necessary; and for said purpose were chosen by ballot Messrs Saml. Ward, Saml. Manning, Calvin Carter, Benjamin Wyman, Thomas Ballard. —

Say for disposing of Pews & examining accounts.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Jacob Fisher Modr.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

True Copies of the warrant, and all the Proceedings thereon.

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

The adjournment of a Town Meeting of the 26th August last being opened,

Moses Smith Esq Moderator

1816
Nov. 4
Adjd Proceedings

Voted to accept the report of a committee raised to consider the subject of the second article of the warrant for a town Meeting the 26th August last, as aforesaid. — and hers follows the Report. Lancaster October 30. 1816. We the subscribers have this day attended the service assigned us by the preceding vote of the Town, and report that in our opinion it will be proper to authorize the Select men to sell the remainder of the Shed ground to the highest bidder; proper notice being given of time and place, and appropriate the proceeds towards paying for the Meeting house lands. — The remainder of Shed ground above mentioned, means all the ground on the east line of the towns land, south of Shed No. 23. — Your Committee further report, that all the Sheds that may hereafter be built, shall be constructed on the same Uniform plan of those already erected. — Your Committee also believe, that in order to make it less expensive, to build the remaining Range of Sheds, and for other convenient purposes, it will be proper to leave a space of about four feet between the last shed now erected which is No 25. and the next Shed that shall be built, and sink the N.W. Corner about two feet to favour the descent of the ground. Eli Stearns,

Report of Shed Comtee

Thomas Ballard, Jon.a Wilder
Jonas Lane, John Maynard
Joseph Leach, Jeremiah Ballard

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Moses Smith Moder

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk.

True Copies attest

Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1816
Dec. 9th

Josiah Flagg Esq. Clerk of the town of Lancaster.

Assessors Certificate.

Sir, We hereby certify, that we have assessed upon the polls and estates of the Inhabitants of said town the sum of Two thousand nine hundred and seventy five dollars, town Tax, Seventy two dollars and eighty nine cents County Tax, Four hundred and thirty two dollars State Tax, Five hundred and twenty five dollars Minister Tax, agreeably to the vote of the Town and two several warrants from the State Treasurer, and the Clerk of the judicial Courts for the County of Worcester to us directed; together with the surplusses of fourteen dollars and seventy nine cents in making the town and County Tax, 0.95 in making the State Tax and 3.66 in making the ministerial Tax, amounting in all to the sum of Four thousand and twenty four dollars and twenty nine cents; and have committed the same with warrants in due form of Law to Mr Joseph Farwell of said town to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of the Town, County and State respectively as follows, viz the Town tax to be paid on or before the first day of March next; the County Tax to be paid on or before the first day of December next; the State Tax to be paid on or before the first day of April A.D. 1817 and the Minister Tax to be paid one half on or before the first day of September, and the other half on or before the first day of March next conformable to the respective warrants aforesaid and usage and custom of the Town.

Benjn Wyman
Solomon Carter
Moses Smith
Assessors of Lancaster

Lancaster July 15. 1816

Received and entered this 9th day of Dec. A. D. 1816 and a true Copy

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk of the town of Lancaster

82975.00
72.89
432.0
525.0
14.79
95
3.66
4024.29

Worcester ss. To Elijah 2d Wilder Constable of Lancaster Greeting. 1816 Dec 16th

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 16th instant at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. — Warrant

Art 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

2d To hear the Report of their Committee upon the subject of pews in the new Meeting house and act any thing thereon.

3d To establish the time for dedicating the new meeting House or act any thing relating thereto.

Given under our Hand & Seal this 2nd of Dec. A.D. 1816. Sam l Manning
Calvin 2 Wilder
Joel 2 Wilder
(Select men of Lancaster)

Worcester ss. Pursuant to the above warrant I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes above named. Dec. 2 1816. Elijah 2 Wilder (Constable of Lancaster) Notification

Worcester ss. Dec. 16. 1816. By virtue of this warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster to meet at the time and place and for the purposes of the within warrant. Elijah 2 Wilder (Constable of Lancaster) Return

1816.

Dec. 16. At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled at the Meeting house Proceedings in said Town on Monday the sixteenth day of December Anno Domini 1816 at 2 o'clock P.M. pursuant to the Warrant.

Voted and chose Mr Jonathan Wilder Moder.

Voted to accept the following Report of a Committee raised at a Meeting held the fourth of November last " Lancaster Nov. 29. 1816.

Your Committee appointed by the foregoing vote of the Town, have attended to the duties therein assigned them, and offer the following Report viz). 1st That the pew nearest the Pulpit on the right side of the broad aisle be appropriated to the use of the Ministers family. — — —

2d That the first and second pews on each side of the Pulpit on the lower floor be considered as free pews. —

3d That all the seats back of the singers seats be free. — — — — — — —

4th That a Committee be appointed by the Town to assess the whole expense of building the House upon all the pews according to their relative value. — — — — — — —

5th That all the pews reserved as above by the Town, shall be paid for by the Town, at their appraised value. —

6th That all the pews not above reserved, shall be sold to the highest Bidder, over and above the appraised value; and that whatever surplus may arise beyond the expence of building the House, shall be refunded to the Pew Purchasers in the same proportion to the sums they actually pay for their pews. — —

* See the 4th article of the Warrant of 4th Nov. last and the proceedings thereon.

Com^e Report on Disposition of Pews in New Meeting House.

7th That whatever pews shall remain unsold, shall be returned by the Town, and by the Town rented, or sold as circumstances may require, but not for less than at their appraised value.

8th That one fourth of the purchase money be paid in sixty days; one half of the residue in one year and the remainder in two years with interest annually till paid — And that some person or persons be authorized by the Town to make a sufficient deed to each purchaser upon the payment of the full sum.

9th That any person not living in Town shall have the same privilege of purchasing pews as the Inhabitants.

10th That Sampson S. Wilder Esq. shall have his choice of either of the Pews he named at the appraised value, to be selected by himself or his agent.

11th That the Select men be requested to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants on Monday the 16th of December next to hear and consider this Report. Eli Stearns (Building Committee
Jacob Fisher
Wm Cleveland.

Elisha Sanderson, John Tebbets,
John Maynard, Caleb Lincoln,
Jonas Lane, Calvin Wilder,
Moses Emmerson, John Thurston,
Nath[l] Lowe, Ebenezer Wilder
Moses Smith.

A true Copy attest

Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1816
Dec. 16. Voted that a Committee consisting of the Building
Proceedings Committee viz Messrs Eli Stearns, Jacob Fisher
Continued and Wm Cleveland, together with Capt. Thomas
Hearsey the Master Builder of the Meeting
House, and one person from each School dis
trict in Town be appointed, and are duly author
New Meeting House Concern. ized a Committee to assess the whole expense
of building the Meeting House upon all the
Pews according to their relative values,
Committee and for said purpose were chosen Messrs
to assess the whole expence of Building on the Pews. Elisha Sanderson, John Reed 2ing,
Wm Gould, John Maynard,
Caleb Lincoln, Jonas Lane,
Calvin Wilder, Moses Emmerson,
John Thurston, Nathl Low,
Ebenr Wilder, Moses Smith.

Voted that Messrs Eli Stearns, Jacob Fisher and Wm Cleveland, be a Committee and they hereby are authorized to sell to the highest bidder all the Pews which are not reserved by the Town agreable to the Report of their Committee this day accepted.

Voted that the Town Treasurer & his successors in said Office, be, and are hereby authorized and empowered, to make and execute in behalf of the Town good and sufficient Deeds of the Pews which may be sold in the New meeting house.

Voted that the new Meeting House be dedi

cated on the first day of January Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred & seventeen. —

1816 Dec.r 16 Meeting Proceedings Continued

Voted that a Committee of three Persons be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the Dedication of the New Meeting House: And accordingly were chosen Miss.rs Davis Whitman

Moses Emmerson

Jonas Lane. —

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Jon.a Wilder Moderator.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

A true Copy of the Warrant and all the Proceedings had thereon. —

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster Greeting.

Warrant for March Meeting. 1817.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives, and in Town affairs, to assemble at the old Meeting House in said Town on Monday the third day of March next, at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. — — — —

Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting in Town affairs.

2nd To choose Town Officers for the year ensuing

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3d To raise Money to defray the necessary expences of the Town the current year, and appropriate the same.

4th To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.

5th To hear the Report of the Meeting House building Committee or any other Committee relating to that subject, and act thereon.

6th To consider of the propriety of so far reconsidering the vote of the Town respecting the remainder of the Shed ground, as to reserve ten feet, instead of four feet for a passage way in order to make that range uniform, and cover all the ground.

7th To Consider the expediency of appropriating a sum of money for the instruction of Military Music, and for clothing in uniform the Musicians attached to the Militia Companies in this Town.

Given under our hands & seal this 17th of Feb'y A.D. 1817.

Sam'l Manning
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder
(Select-men of Lancaster)

Worcester ss. Feb'y 17, 1817. The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in Town affairs are hereby notified to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Notification.

Elijah Wilder (Constable of Lancaster.

1817. March warrant Return.

Worcester ss. March 3d 1817 By virtue of the within, I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the time and place as the Law directs. — Elijah Wilder } Constable of Lancaster.

True Copies of the warrant notification and Return thereon.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Proceedings of March Meeting

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives, Town Officers and Town affairs assembled at the Old Meeting House in said Town on Monday the third day of March Anno Domini 1817. Pursuant to the warrant and notification.

After the warrant and reading a List of Voters The said Inhabitants Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq Moderator.

Prayers were then offered by the Revd Mr Thayer. The town then proceeded in the usual Annual Business

not act read

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg Esq Town Clerk.

Voted and chose Messrs Samuel Manning, Joel Wilder, Elisha Sanderson } Selectmen.

Voted and chose Mr Eli Stearns Town Treasurer

Benj Wyman, Solomon Carter, Moses Smith } Assessors.

Voted and chose a committee to select a list of persons suitable to Visit the Schools the ensuing year

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and for said purpose were chosen
Col. Jonas Lane
Deacon Joel Wilder
Mr Eli Stearns
} Committee to Select Visiting Comee

Said Committee Reported the following list for the School visiting Committee viz
Revd Nathaniel Thayer
Samuel Ward Jonathan Wilder
Thomas Ballard John Thurston.
Clark Charles G Pickman Davis Whitman
Isaac Childs, Saml Manning.
William Cleveland Paul Willard, &
Josiah Bridge. —

The town voted to accept said Reported List.

Voted and chose Messrs Jonas Lane
Josiah Bridge, Titus Wilder
Jonas Goss Abner Pollard
David Poignand, Ephm Rugg
John Thurston Jun Paul Willard
Jacob Fisher, Ephm Rand
Gardner Maynard, Saml Damon
Salathiel Weatherbee.
Highway Surveyors. —

Voted and chose Mr Benjamin Foster. Sealer of Leather. —

Voted and chose Asa Arnold, Amos Sawyer
Nathl Warner Abel Butler } Field drivers.

Voted and chose Jonas Whitney John Goodwin
Jona Butleick Joseph Farwell 2 } Fence viewers.

Voted and chose Abel Butler
John Hawks Jun } Cullers of Staves

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Voted and chose Messrs William Cleveland.
Abner Pollard, John Carter 2.
Joseph Wilder, Isaac Childs,
George Safford, Stephen Laughton,
James Farwell, John Hyder Jun.
Amos Wheeler. Hogreeves.

Voted and chose Jon.a Buttrick, Tho.s Howe. — Surveyors of Lumber.

Voted and Chose Ebenezer Haven Aaron Johnson. — Deerreeves.

Voted and chose Elijah Wilder, Joseph Wales, Elisha Sanderson. — Tything Men.

Voted and chose Eli Stearns Jon.a Locke John Thurston Thomas Howe — Fish wardens.

Voted and chose Josiah Bridge Nath.l Lowe Thomas Howe Josiah Flagg. — Wood measurers.

Voted and chose Joshua Fletcher Pound keeper.

Voted and chose Pliny Newhall Joseph Wilder Sol.n Carter. — Committee to Superintend Singing.

Voted and chose Doctors Sam.l Manning Calvin Carter and Mr Eli Stearns. — Committee to superintend Innoculation Kine Pox

Voted and chose Dr Manning Mr Eli Stearns Col Jonas Lane — Committee to hire the Latin Grammar School Master.

Voted and chose the following persons to take care of, and make small repairs on the River Bridges. viz. —

Mr Peter T. Vose for Sprague's Bridge.
" Abraham Mallard " Bennetts do
" Abner Pollard " Center "
" Capt Benj.a Houghton Quariponiker "
" Jon.a Wilder " Atherton's "
" Jeremiah Dyer " White's "
" Gardner Pollard " Harris's "
" Elias Bennett " Bennett's "

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March Meeting Proceedings Contin.

The accounts for the past year, presented by the Selectmen, and Treasurer, were read and Committed to Messrs Moses Smith, Wm Cleveland, Caleb Lincoln } Committee to examine Accounts.

Voted to postpone the 2 article.

Votes for County Treasurer were called for, and Samuel Allen Esq had the whole being 78.

Voted to submit the subject of the sixth article to the Selectmen.

Voted to submit the 7th article to Messrs
Eli Stearns
Jacob Fisher
Benj.a Houghton

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee on appraisal of the Pews in the new meeting house, which report is herewith Copied.

New Meeting House, Business.

The 5th article being now in Consideration, the Town voted, that the Committee be superintending the building the New meeting house, be authorized to sell the Pews remaining unsold, agreeable to a former vote of the Town, and also Voted, that the said building Committee be authorized to furnish as many Blinds to the windows of the new meeting House, as will be necessary to shade the trimmings of the Pulpit, and one at the Pulpit Window.

Here followeth the Report of the Committee raised by the Town to appraise the Pews in the New Meeting House.

Lancaster Dec. 23. 1816.

*See Oct 16. 1816 Meeting.

Your Committee, appointed by the* preceeding vote of the Town, have attended that service and Report, that the following sums set against the numbers of the several Pews in the new Meet

Meeting house is in our opinion, the relative value, that they bear one to another viz.

1817. March meeting Proceedings Contin.

Appraisᵗ of Pews in the New Meeting House.

No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
1	$220	28	$165	55	$210	82	$100	109	$100
2	230	29	155	56	210	83	130	110	120
3	230	30	170	57	210	84	145	111	100
4	230	31	170	58	175	85	180	112	100
5	230	32	170	59	175	86	200	113	120
6	230	33	170	60	175	87	215	114	115
7	230	34	170	61	165	88	225	115	95
8	230	35	130	62	160	89	230	116	60
9	230	36	160	63	160	90	230	117	60
10	230	37	160	64	130	91	230	118	95
11	225	38	165	65	170	92	230	119	115
12	215	39	175	66	170	93	230	120	120
13	200	40	175	67	170	94	230	121	100
14	180	41	175	68	170	95	230	122	100
15	145	42	200	69	170	96	230	123	120
16	130	43	190	70	155	97	230	124	100
17	100	44	190	71	165	98	220	125	85
18	90	45	200	72	170	99	30	126	90
19	95	46	170	73	170	100	38	127	100
20	125	47	170	74	160	101	40	128	80
21	140	48	90	75	140	102	50	129	82
22	145	49	80	76	140	103	95	130	95
23	140	50	80	77	145	104	82	131	50
24	140	51	100	78	140	105	80	132	40
25	160	52	175	79	125	106	100	133	38
26	170	53	175	80	95	107	90	134	30
27	170	54	210	81	90	108	85		

Making in the whole Twenty Thousand Dollars. All which is submitted for Record, by Eli Stearns, Jacob Fisher, Wm Cleveland } Building Committee.

Thos Hearsey Master Builder. John Thurston,
Elisha Sanderson, Caleb Lincoln,
John Robbins, Jonas Lane,
Wm Gould, Calvin Wilder,
Moses Emerson, Nathl Low,
Ebenr Wilder, Moses Smith.

Voted to

1817 March Proceedgs

to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday of April next at 4 Clock P.M.

Jacob Fisher Moderator

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk

True copies of all the Proceedings

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Town Clerk Sworn.

Lancaster March 3d 1817. Josiah Flagg Esq. was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Town Clerk the ensuing year and until another is chosen and sworn in his room.

Before me. Moses Smith Jus. Pais

Select men, Sworn.

Lancaster March 3d 1817. Samuel Manning Joel Wilder and Elisha Sanderson were sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of their duty as Selectmen as respects all elections and the returns thereof.

Before me Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Worcester Ss March 17th 1817. Personally appeared on the third day of March instant and between that time and the date hereof, Eli Stearns Treasurer. Benjamin Wyman, Solomon Carter & Moses Smith, Assessors. Jonas Lane Josiah Bridge, Titus Wilder, Jonas Goss, Abner Pollard David Poignand, Ephraim Rugg, John Thurston 2d, Paul Willard, Jacob Fisher, Ephraim Rand, Gardner Maynard, Salathiel Wetherbee Samuel Damon Surveyors of Highways.

Benjamin H. Foster Sealer of Leather. Asa Arnold & Amos Sawyer, Neth. Warner, Abel Butler Field drivers. Jonas Whitney, John Goodwin, Jonathan Buttrick, Joseph Farwell 2d. Fence Viewers. Abner Dollard Joseph Wilder, Stephen Laughton, James Farwell, Amos Wheeler Hogreeves. Jonathan Buttrick Surveyor of Lumber. Ebenezer Raven, Aaron Johnson Deer Reeves. Elijah Wilder, Elisha Sanderson Tything Men. Eli Stearns, Jon.a Locke John Thurston Fish wardens. Abel Butler, Jonas Hawks Jun. Cullers of Staves. Josiah Bridge Neth.l Lowe Woodmeasurers. Joshua Fletcher Pound keeper. were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective offices to which they were severally elected, for the year ensuing according to Law. before me

Josiah Hagg town Clerk.

1817. March. Town Officers Sworn.

Worcester ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Sarum.

Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor Counsellors & Senators and in Town affairs to assemble at the old meeting House in said Town on Monday the 7th day of April next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles. viz.

Warrant for April Meeting. 1817.

Art 1st To bring in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor Counsellors & Senators for the year ensuing.

2d To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in

1817. April Meeting Warrant Contin.

Art 3 To restrain Neat Cattle, horses, Sheep & mules from going at large on the Common highways the year ensuing, or act any thing relating thereto. — — —

4th To hear any Report or Reports from the Meeting House building Committee, or any other relating to that subject with a view to bring their accounts to a close and act thereon. — — — —

5th To To authorize the Collection of the Town, County and State Tax, by making a discount on their prompt payment, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — — — — —

6th To make such regulations as the town may think proper with respect to Ringing and Tolling the Bell. — Given under our Hands and seal this 24th day of March A.D. 1817

Sam'l Manning
Joel Wilder
Elisha Sanderson
Select men of Lancaster

Notification. Worcester ss. March 24. 1817 By virtue of this Warrant I hereby notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governor, Senators and Representatives, and in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Lancaster March 24. 1817.

Elijah Wilder Constable Lancaster.

1817. April Warrant Return

Worcester ss. April 7. 1817. On the within I have notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at the time and place and for the purposes of the within Warrant.

Elijah Wilder (Constable of Lancaster)

True copies of the warrant Notification and return. Attest Josiah Wagg Town Clerk

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Proceedings of April Meeting.

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut-Governor, holden at the old Meeting house on the seventh day of April Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred and seventeen for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieut. Governor, Senators and Counsellors of said Commonwealth. The whole number of Votes given in were sorted Counted recorded, and declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed, and were for the following Persons. Whole number 262

Votes for Governor &c.

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks, Two hundred & eleven.

Gen. Henry Dearborn, Fifty one.

For Lieut Governor

His Honor William Phillips Two hundred & eleven.

Hon. William King Fifty one.

For Senators and Counsellors.

Hon Oliver Crosby	210	Jonas Sibley	51.
Hon Dan[l] Waldo	210	Edmund Cushing	51.
Hon Tho[s] H. Blood	210	Zadock Gates	51.
Gen James Humphrey	210.	Joseph Adams	38
		Thomas Adams	13.

1817. April Meeting Proceedings Continued

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq. Moderator.

Voted to restrain neat Cattle horses, asses and Mules from going at large on the Common or highways from this time to the first day of November next Provided however that the Selectmen may license indigent persons to turn out orderly Milch Cows having the owners name marked on them to feed on said Common or highways, but not exceeding one Cow to a family.

Cattle & Horses &c Restrained

Voted to choose a Committee to obtain Money by Subscription, to pay the expence of a Clock for the New meeting house.

Town Clock Committee

Voted and chose Messrs Jacob Fisher, Josiah Bridge, Jonas Jane, Lewis Whitman, Jonathan Wilder, Moses Emmerson, Joel Wilder.

Voted on the 5th Article of the Warrant to Commit the Subject-matter thereof to Messrs Moses Smith Jonathan Wilder, John Thurston.

Voted that the Selectmen take upon themselves the Business of Regulating the Ringing and Tolling the Bell.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Jacob Fisher Moderator.

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

March meeting Continued by Adjournment.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was Presented the examination of the accounts of the Select Men & Treasurer the Past Year.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the subject-matter of the 7th article of the warrant, for March Meeting which Report is as follows viz. Lancaster March 24 1817.

1817 March Meeting Adjourn.

Your Committee appointed by the foregoing Vote of the Town, have attended that service and report that in our opinion thirty dollars be appropriated for the Purpose prayed for out of the Monies received or receivable from Military exempts, and which by Law is restricted to such purposes,

Eli Stearns
Jacob Fisher
Benj^a Houghton
} Committee

* See the warrant with the vote thereon.

Military Music, and Uniform

30 dollars appropriated.

The town voted that the said sum of Thirty Dollars be equally divided between the Two Companies of Infantry for the Purposes of Instruction of Military Music, and Clothing in Uniform the Musicians attached to said Companies.

Voted that Eight hundred Dollars be laid out and expended in repairing the Roads and highways the ensuing year in the same Manner as heretofore.

$ 800. Highway Tax.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday of May next at 4° Clock P.M.

Jacob Fisher Moderator.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1817.

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 1. 1816. to March 1. 1817.

Taxes

Suspension of	9.50	
Assessing	48.84	
Abatement of	49.41	106.81

Stationary.

For Selectmen 1815.	1.92.	
For Assessors — 1815	1.38	
Do in . . 1816	25	3.55
Making Lists of Voters.		3.
Rec'd Mr Thayer's bill		
ag		525.

Militia.

For Powder . .	31.88

Burying Fields.

Centre . .	0.
Warning Town Officers	5.

Large Bridges.

Bonniken . .	12.25	
Sprague's . .	5.25	
Bennetts .	21.21	41.71

Small Bridges

In District No 1	14.25	
Do Do " 6	4.20	
Do Do " 9	35.40	53.85
Latin G. School .		157.73
English G. School		72.8.
Singing School .		50.
Carried up.		$ 1724.57

To amount brot up	$	1724.57
Repairing L. G. House .	66	66
Entertaining Town Officers Com. ees &c		20. 4
Vendueing Widow Haskell's Property.		3. 9
Town Pound . . .		3.
Surveying Roads . .		1.25
Law Suits . .		25.37
Taking care of the Meeting House . . .		6.25
New meeting House.		
To pay Com ees for fencing . .		20
Holdfencing Do . .		15.67
Necessary Building		40.
Entertainm't of Musicke at Dedication		14.31
Do Committee for appraising Pews .		15.42
Blank Deeds for Pews		7.2
		112.45

Support of the Poor

Those supported by D Carter	840.	194.5
Sally Haskell . .	10	
James Clark . .	2	
Harriet Eaton . .	15.	
Wm Longley . .	4.50	
Micah Simmons	50.07	
Susanna Parker .	6.	
D Godfrey's funeral exs	9.	
Mr Dickinson Do .	5.34	
I Priest Do .	11.10	
Mrs Allen Do .	2.33	
Exercising the Poor	45.	
Notifying Town's men of Paupers . .	3.	
	$	1004.33

Prudential Accts 1816.

1817.

Prudential Accounts Contd

To the amount of Pauper account. $ 1004.33

Supra Contra.

By $ 18.80 amount of articles of Widow Haskell's property purchased by Dr Carter at Auction and deducted from his last quarter Bill. Also $ 8.40 the remainder of the Proceeds of her property now in the hands of Major Carter. — Also Micah Simmons and Susan W. Parker's Bills they being charged to the towns where they Belong. 84.17

Pauper expences. $ 920.16

Sundry expences brot from the other Side 1947.55

Recording Births and Deaths . 5.84

$ 2873.55

1817 — The town of Lancaster in account with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer Cr.

Aug 30	For Cash paid Robert Hudson . .	0	6 1811 Mar 1.	By ballance of old acct brot forward .	155.72
Dec 2	For Town orders Pr Selectmen Rect	182.	1 May 2.	By Cash rec of Charles Rugell Jr	2.97
1817 Jan 27	For Town orders Pr Selectmen Rect	1191.	8 6	By Cash rec for [illegible]	3.32
Mar 3	For Town orders Pr Selectmen Rect	963.72	Sep 2	By Cash rec of James Old [illegible]	52
	For ballance in Colleen [illegible]	1554.25		By Assessments for this year	3519.40
				By ballance due Treasury	149.69
		$ 3831.62			$ 3831.62

Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Saml Manning
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder

Selectmen of Lancaster.

True Copies

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1817. Dr Town of Lancaster. Cr.

Mar 1	To amount of outstanding orders 713.8	Mar 1	By account against the Town of Leominster for support of Susan W. Parker 6.
	" Mercy Mannings support 39.		" Do against the town of Dorchester for support of Micah Simmons 50.97
	" L. G. Masters wages for 5 mos 115.		" ballance of Wid. Haskells hands Property in Major Carters 8.40
	" Collecting taxes 50.20		" Aaron Johnson to 4 Yrs Rent of Widow Deputrons Dower 18.
			" Gawen B Newman acct 3
			Robt Townshends acct 3.
			Ballance agt the Town 827.91
	$917.28		$917.28

Saml Manning
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder
Selectmen of Lancaster.

Report of Committee on Accounts.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the town Treasurer and Select men, have attended the Service assigned them and report that they find them to be accurately kept, correctly cast, and properly vouched. Lancaster March 24. 1817.

Moses Smith.
Caleb Lincoln.
Wm Cleveland.
Committee.

See a further Report at April Proceedings 1818. The account as stated above is incorrect.

Constable Sworn.

Worcester Ss. May 5. 1817. Joseph Farwell made Solemn oath to discharge the duties of the Offices of Constable, and Collector of Taxes for the Town of Lancaster the year ensuing, and until another is chosen, and sworn in his room, agreable to the Statute in such case made and provided.

Before me Josiah Flagg Justice of the Peace.

Worcester Ss. To Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster Greeting 1817 May Warrant.

Seal. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs to assemble at the old Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fifth day of May next at one Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. — — —

Art 1 To bring in their votes for a person or persons to represent the Town in the General Court of this Commonwealth the ensuing year. — — —

2nd To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting in Town affairs. — — — — — — —

3. To hear any report from their meeting house building Committee that may then be made and act thereon; Also to hear the report of the Committee to examine said Committee's accounts, and act any thing relating thereto. — — — — — —

4th To hear and act on the report of the Clock subscription Committee. — — — — — —

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of April A. D. 1817.

Saml Manning
Joel Wilder } Select Men of Lancaster.

Worcester Ss. April 21. 1817. By virtue of the within I hereby notify the freeholders & other inhabitants to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes of the foregoing warrant. — — Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster Notification.

Worcester Ss. May 5. 1817. By virtue of the within I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster to meet at the time and place and for the Purposes of the within warrant. Return.

Elijah Wilder Constable of Lancaster

1817

May 5. Proceed

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives, and in town affairs duly assembled on Monday the 5th day of May A. D. 1817. at 1 o'Clock. P.M. — Voted to be represented in the General Court this year. — — — —

Voted to choose two Representatives. — — —

Representatives, Chosen.

The votes being called for, were Sixty Five, and the whole number were for Capt John Thurston who was by the Selectmen declared to be duly elected

The votes were again called for, were counted and found the whole number being One hundred and Nine

Capt Benjamin 2d Wyman had Seventy nine.

Major Solomon Carter had Thirty

The Selectmen made declaration that Capt Benjamin 2d Wyman was duly elected. — —

The Meeting being opened for Town affairs

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Lane Moderator.

The accounts of the New Meeting house building Committee were presented to the Town for their acceptance. The town voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the examination of said accounts. —

Voted that Messrs. Moses Emmerson

Jon.a Locke

Moses Smith be a committee to prepare a vote of Thanks of the Town to the Committee who superintended the Building the New Meeting house. — — — — —

Voted to accept the Report of the Clock Committee and refer the subject to a committee of twelve one from each School District and according to vote

for said purpose. for District No 1 Elisha Sanderson.

No 2. Abijah White
No 3 Charles Knight
" 4 Benj. Houghton
" 5 Major Usher
6 Jonas Lane
No 7 Gawen B Newman
8 Moses Emerson
9 Joel Wilder
10 The II Lyon
11 Eben Wilder
No 12. Josiah Budge. — —

"The Subscribers a Committee for obtaining a Subscription to purchase a Clock for the Meeting House; Report that they have conversed with many of the Inhabitants upon the Subject and find that it is their general opinion that it would be more equal for the Town to pay for a Clock as it is the only Tax against the Town for said House; We therefore would recommend that the Town choose a Committee to purchase a Clock when in their opinion it can be done to their advantage, Jacob Usher Josiah Budge
Jonas Lane, Eben Wilder
Joel Wilder Moses Emerson.
Committee.

Clock Committee Report

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Jonas Lane Mod.r

Att. Tracy Clerk.

March meeting opened being the adjournment thereof.

Adjournment of March Meeting.

Voted and chose Joseph Farwell Constable.

Voted to raise Four thousand Dollars to defray the expences of the town the Current year and that the same sum be appropriated agreeable to the estimate given in by the Selectmen as far as the Money will admit. which is as follows.

Monies. 4000 dlls.

1817

March Meeting adjournt

Estimate

For Bridges	$ 500 —
L. G. School	300, 0
E. G. School	728, 0
Singing School	50, 0
Ministers Salary	325, 0
Support of Poor	1100. 0
Contingent expenses	600, 0
Meeting house bot & land 661.33	4464.33

Voted to excuse Mr D. T. Vose from serving as a Person to take care of the River Bridge called Spragues Bridge.

Voted and chose Mr Elias Danforth to take care of Spragues Bridge.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Jacob Fisher Modr

Dr J Flagg Clerk.

April Meeting opened by adjournment

Voted that it is inexpedient to change the mode of Collecting Taxes.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

D. J. Flagg Clerk Jacob Fisher Modr.

The foregoing are true Copies of the warrant for May meeting and all the Proceedings thereon

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk

1817.

New Meeting house expence.

The following is the amount of the expenditures of the new meeting house with the sums paid to each person.

	$
Daniel Burbank	1365.57
Ezek[l] K. Bigelow	25.34
Nath[l] Whittemore Jun[r]	91.9
Carey & Dickinson	193.44
George Odiorne	36.80
Leonard Stone Jun[r]	180.—
Amasa Whitney	100.
Josiah Putnam	406.80
Alexander Parris	47.—
Nath[l] Thayer (Boston)	13.13
Jonathan Gale	8.—
Jonathan Whitcomb Jun[r]	33.—
Thomas Hersey	500.
Luther Johnson	147.66
Peter Crendall	1776.67
Nath[l] Rand	2340.58
Cook & Dickinson	39.84
Hananiah Whitney 2nd	118.0
Jonathan Whitcomb	688.75
Putnam Sawyer	38.—
Wm M[c] Lellan	24.15
Simeon Whitney	18.—
Cyprus Peirce	115.—
Asahel Bigelow	129.—
Solomon Stevens	45.50
Moses Burns	24.—
Heston Brooks	12.67
Stephen Knowlton	307.50
Darby Willard	25.96
Wm Damon	14.—
Sylvester Phelps	271.51
Aaron Gardner	146.25
Jonathan Minot	194.98
Elkanah Snow	119.9
Wm Fletcher	46.16
Eph[m] Phelps	21.67
David Moore	9.—
Carried up	8667.11

Amount Brot up	8667.11
Boston Glass Company	238.19
Calvin Johnson	2.50
Samuel Damon	227.67
Jonathan Baldwin	45.—
Caleb Lincoln	154.90
Joshua Gill	131.83
Oliver Barrett	165.49
Charles Bigelow	30.91
Martin Lincoln	2.—
Joel Wilder	242.85
John Hyde	.75
Benjamin Eager	56.45
Reuben Richards Jun[r]	480.34
Nathaniel Alley	56.55
Appolles Houghton	6.25
Silas Flagg	83.—
Asahel Tower Jun[r]	391.32
Cooper Sawyer	5.40
William Wills	53.8
Daniel Waldo	32.34
Kilburn & Reed	15.—
Abel Richardson	16.25
Sam[l] Noyes	135.50
Abraham Mallard	45.75
Ephraim Osborn	30.42
Columbus Warren	31.33
Elijah Wilder	48.65
Leonard Patch	16.84
Ephraim Osborn Jun[r]	96.—
Silas Howe Jun[r]	45.—
Thos Phelps	6.—
Levi Prescott	137.1
Elias Danforth	55.66
Haward & Haynes	1.50
Joseph Leach	361.83
Thos Bennett Jun[r]	48.39
Asa Holt	120.
Carried over	$12394.23

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New Meeting house expence Brot over 1239.4.23

James W Burdett			D 7 25
Daniel Ford			77.46
Oliver Hartwell			371.53
William Lemon			74. 0 530.24
Charles Hersey	160.41	Gardner Maynard	77.10
Sylvanus Lothrop	165. 8	Amos Baxter	18. 2
Jesse Tinkham	107.91	Jno Goss	18.67
Seth Sargent	31. 3	J & C Bridge	316.92
Robert Townsham	31.67	Carleton & Sawyer	11.46
Jacob Stone	27. 9	Sol[o] Carter	123.23
Oliver Johnson	57.80	Peter S. Fox	9.34
Eber Goodale	36.50	Jonas Lane	202.10
Asa Arnold	10.50	Charles E Knight	134.58
Elijah Houghton	30.43	Jonathan Wilder	6.25
Benj[a] Wyman	19.54	Thomas Howe	55.70
Sam[l] Wilder Jun[r]	17.83	Oliver Baldwin	38.36
Sam[l] Rugg	45.75	Stephen Laughton	130.17
John Goss 2[d]	4.42	Pliny Newhall	36.
Jonas Whitney	114.83	Benj[a] Lamson	23.75
Moses Jones	114.97	Anthony Lane	22
Amos Adams	40.10	Jonathan Whitney	50.12
Abel Rugg Jun[r]	17.50	Benj[a] Bass	85.5
Jacob Sweetser	9.48	Solomon[n] Willard	146.30
Levi Lewis	85.44	James Richardson	14.40
Thomas Safford	44.81	Farnham Plummer	38.72
Silas Thurston	17.	Amos Wheeler	1.
Jeremiah Ballard	9.	W[m] G Wells	6.
Prescott Whittemore	7.	John Carter 2[d]	70.70
Samuel Ward	10.25	Gawen B. Newman	37.50
Eph[m] Rugg	3.75	Joel & Daniel Wilder	26.25
Nath[l] Warner	25.25	Alpheus Carter	3
Eben[r] Bragg	18.62	Cephas Rugg	21.9
Prospect Randall	2.25	Joel Rugg	1.75
Nath[l] Thayer	24.75	Henry Allen	7.72
Elijah Colburn	2.	Rebecca White	7.50
Jonathan Bullock	110.91	George Phelps	3.
Moses Emerson	29.10	John Thurston	80.25
Joseph Farwell	11.20	Jonas Fairbanks	7.92
Moses Sawyer	23.91	David Richardson	4.42
Josiah Billings	1.67	Brot from left Column	
Manasseh Divoll	4.67		1482.42
Cor[d] overs	D 1482.42	Cor[d] overs	D 16259.80

1817.

New Meeting House. Business

To amount Brought forward		$ 16259.89
Elias Bennett	14.33	
Samuel Manning	33.15	
Asa Tainsworth	15.80	
Artemas Laughton	144.13	
Poignand & Plant & Co	2.3	
Ephraim Carter	94.38	303.82
Ephraim Whitney	339.	
Moses Smith	3.75	
Phinehas Wilder Jar	41-	
Elisha Sanderson	33.-	
David Howe	34.67	
Benjamin Houghton	5.83	420.25
Jonathan Locke	255.30	
Wm Cleveland	282.13	
Eli Stearns	751.96	
Jacob Fisher	697.85	
		1987.24
		$ 18971.20
Deduct for Majr Locke's Credit	3.40	
D^o Mr Stearns	28.44	
D^o Jacob Fisher	10.70	42.54
Cost of the house		$ 18928.66
Interest on borrowed Money to January 1. 1817 is about		160
Making in all		$ 19088.66

Your committee for building a meeting house now offer their report of the whole cost of the house viz 19088.66 including 160 dollars interest on borrowed money to Jany 1: That they have sold 104 Pews for $ 16297. which are settled for, that 4 Pews have been sold and not settled for amounting to $ 501. including choice money. 1 Pew for the ministers family and 4 pew Pews $ 800. 21 Pews unsold appraised at $ 3480. Your Committee wait the further directions of the Town with respect to the Pews un-

1817 New Meeting house Business Continued.

unsold: They also owe for borrowed money $ 9344.17
and for Labour &c. 2782.68
$ 12126.85

Eli Stearns
Jacob Fisher } Committee.
Wm Cleveland

The Subscribers a Majority of the Committee for examining the accounts of the meeting house building committee have attended to that service and report the above Statement by them made is correct in every particular.

Committee on Account Report.

Sam'l Manning
Thomas Ballard,
Benj'n Wyman.

True Copies Attest
Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

March Meeting adjournment.

Voted to recommit the Selectmens accounts for a more accurate Statement.

Jacob Fisher Mod'r

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1817
June 16.
Warrant

Worcester ss. To Joseph Farnell Constable of Lancaster Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the old Meeting house in said Town on Monday the 16th instant at 4 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. — —

Art 1. To choose a moderator to govern the meeting.

2d. To act anything relating to rebuilding Kennetts Bridge so called.

3d. To accept a Road laid out by the Select men from near the school house in district No 5 to the old road near Jones Jolyns. — — — — — —

4th. To adopt any measures respecting the support of the poor after March 1. 1818. or act any thing there on. — — — — — — — — — — — —

5th. — To hear and act on any propositions respecting the Shed ground that remains unsold. —

Given under our hands and seal this 2d. day of June A.D. 1817.

Sam[l] Manning
Joel Wilder
Elisha Sanderson
Select men of Lancaster

Worcester ss. I hereby notify and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants, of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes, mentioned in the foregoing warrant Lancaster June 2d 1817 Joseph Farnell Constable of Lancast.
Notification

Worcester ss. June 16 1817 In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warned, the Inhabitants of Lancaster as within directed, by posting the same at the Meeting house as the Law directs. Joseph Farnell Constable of Lancast.
Return.

True Copies of the Warrant Notification & Return.
Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1817
June 16th
Proceedings of this Meeting

At a meeting of the peeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled at the old Meeting house pursuant to the Warrant and notification on this day the sixteenth day of June A. D. 1817 at 4 o'Clock P.M.

Voted and chose Col. Jonas Lane Moderator.

Voted and chose a committee of seven to view the Bennett Bridge and report the state of it to the Town and the expediency of either rebuilding said Bridge, or repairing it. — and for said purpose were chosen Messrs Jonathan Locke,
Davis Whitman,
John Thurston,
Jonas Lane,
Benj.a Houghton,
Thomas Ballard,
Eli Stearns.

Voted to adjourn this meeting one hour to the aforesaid Committee to report.

Meeting opened & the Committee came in and reported,

Report of Comm.ee on Bennett Bridge

Lancaster June 16 1817.

"Your committee appointed under the 2.d article in the Warrant for town meeting to be holden this day, have attended to the service and report: that in our opinion, that the present Bridge with a small repair will be as safe to pass for one or two years, as it has been for seven years past, viz. 2 new stringers and one spring beam, properly placed and faithfully keyed up, together with putting on the new plank already on the ground. Your Committee further report, that whenever a new bridge shall be built in that vicinity, it ought to be placed north of the elm tree on the west Bank of the River, and where a perm

Committee reported was the most proper place, which report was dated May 16. 1803, and on file. 1817 Proceeds of June 16 Meeting

Signed by all the Committee.

Voted to accept said Report and that the selectmen make the repairs on the said Bennett Bridge agreable to said Report.

Voted that the 3d article of the warrant be dismissed, but that the Plan of the road, with the Report of the selectmen be placed on the files in the Town Clerks office. — — — —

Voted to commit the Consideration of the 4th article to Mess Jona Wilder, Jno Thurston, Moses Emerson, Jonas Lane, Jacob Fisher, Ephraim Carter, Calvin Wilder. — Commee on Poor Business

Voted on the 5th article that the selectmen act on the subject thereof as will best serve the interest of the Town. — — — — —

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Attest Jonas Lane Modr.

Josiah Flagg Clerk.

True Copies of the Proceedings.

Attest, Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Josiah Flagg, Esq. Town Clerk. — 1817. Assessors Certified

Sir We hereby certify that we have assessed upon the Poll and estate of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster and Town Tax for the year 1817. the sum of $3475.00 together with $5.77 overpluss in making said Tax. Also we have assessed as aforesaid as a minister tax for said year

1817. the sum of 525, together with $2.14 a surplus in making
Assessors the same. — We have also assessed as aforesaid the sum
Certificate of $422.0. a State Tax together with the sum of 2.93
a surplus in making the same, amounting in all to the
sum of 4432.84 — greatly to the acts of the Town, a
warrant from the treasurer of the Commonwealth, and the
$ 3475.00 law in such cases provided, and have committed lists thereof
5.77 of to Mr Joseph Farwell Collector of said Town with war-
525.00 rants in due form of law, for collecting and paying over the
2.14 amount thereof in manner following viz. the said
422.00 Town tax and the said several surpluses to be paid to
2.93 Mr Eli Steam, Town Treasurer, or his successor in said
$4432.84 office, on or before the first day of March next. — The
said Minister Tax, to be paid to said Town Treasurer,
or his successor in said office one half on or before the
first day of September next; and the other half on
or before the first day of March next. , And the said
State Tax to be paid to
Treasurer of the Commonwealth or his successor in office
on or before the first day of April next ensuing. —

In witness whereof we have hereunto
set our hands this thirtieth day of July Anno
Domini 1817. Benj^a Wyman Assessors
Solomon Carter of
Moses Smith Lancaster.

A true Copy Attest
Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Lancaster Octo. 10. 1817.

1817

Appropr. Certificate

County tax. $110.19

This may certify that we have appropriated upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of the said town of Lancaster one hundred and nine dollars and twelve cents as a county tax for the year A.D. 1817 together with [illegible] the sum of one dollar and twenty cents [illegible] in the whole 111.34, and have committed lists thereof [illegible]

[illegible]

the first day of December next. —

Jonah Flagg Jr. Town Clerk.

[illegible]

Moses Smith Appropr.

Received and entered this 19th day [illegible] 1817.

Jr. Jonah Flagg [illegible]

Attest J. Flagg Town Clerk

Worcester Ss. To Joseph Farwell Constell of Lancaster. Greeting —

Warrant [illegible] Meeting

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts [illegible] and warn the [illegible] of Lancaster [illegible] to assemble at the old meeting [illegible] on Monday the 15th instant at 2 o'clock [illegible] to act on the [illegible]

Art 1. To choose a moderator to govern said [illegible]

2. To hear the Report of the Committee

1817. Dec. [illegible]

[illegible] under article [illegible] ing [illegible] 18[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] 1818 [illegible] [illegible] — —

Given under our hands [illegible] this first day of December A.D. 1817.

Saml. Manning
Elisha Sanderson
Joel Wilder
} Select men of Lancaster

Notified [illegible]

Worcester ss. Pursuant to the above warrant I hereby notify and warn the free holders and other inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes named in the above warrant.

Joseph Farwell
Constable of Lancaster

Lancaster Dec 1. 1817.

Return

[illegible] Lancaster Dec. 15. 1817. Pursuant to [illegible] I have notified and warned the free holders [illegible] qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at [illegible] and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting the same as the law [illegible]

Joseph Farwell
Constable of Lancaster

The foregoing are true copies of the warrant Notification and Return.

[illegible]

At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Sandwich qualified to act in town affairs [illegible] this 13th day of December 1817 [illegible] to the warrant and notification. —

Voted and chose Col. Jane Moderator. —

Voted to recommit the Report of the Committee to whom was [illegible] the Providing support [illegible] the Poor and that the said Committee be and they are hereby authorized to receive proposals from the inhabitants of the town for the support of the Poor [illegible] March 1818 and report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first [illegible] day of January next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Jonas Jane Moder.

Attest [illegible]

1817. Dec. Proceedings.

Agreable to the adjournment of a Town Meeting held the 13th December 1817 the Inhabitants assembled at the old meeting house this 5th day of January A.D. 1818 and proceeded to the Business of said Meeting.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom a former report had been recommitted on the subject matter of supporting the Poor after the first day of March next. The former and last report are as follows to wit:

Your Committee within [illegible]

Proceedings at adjourn. Jan. 5 1818.

1818. having met and maturely considered the
Jan'y 5. subject committed to them Report the following
Report viz. That the Town authorize the Selectmen to con-
or tract with some person or persons for the support
Poor clothing, and doctoring the poor for any term not
Business exceeding seven years at their discretion.

December 1. 1817. Jonathan Wilder
Jonas Lane
John Winslow
Jacob Fisher
Ephraim Carter
Calvin Wilder
} Com.ee

The Town at their first meeting voted to ac-
commit the Report, and at this adjournment
voted to accept the following report viz.

Your Committee further report, that in
their opinion the Select men ought to be instruc-
ted to receive for the Town the doctoring and the
funeral charges, and that the contractors be at
no expence in removing any Pauper from
another Town. — Also that no expence shall
accrue to the contractor until the Pauper or
Paupers shall be placed under his immediate
Care. — Your Committee are still of opinion
that the Selectmen are when no overseers are
particularly Chosen the most suitable persons
to take the Sole charge of the Poor, and we also
still believe, that much good may result from
the latitude given in our former report of contract-
ing (under certain circumstances) for a number

of years. Signed Jona Wilder Moderator 1818. Jan 5.

Then Voted to dissolve this meeting

Attest. Josiah Flagg Clerk Jonas Sawtell Moderator

True Copies

Attest. Josiah Flagg Clerk.

Worcester ss. To Joseph Sawtell Constable of Lancaster. — Greeting. 1818. March Warrant

Seal. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to vote for Representatives & in town affairs, to assemble at the old Meeting house in said Town on Monday the second day of March next, at one o'clock P. M. to act on the following articles viz. — — —

Art 1st. To choose a moderator to govern the Meeting.

2d. To choose officers for the ensuing year.

3d. To raise money to defray the necessary expences of the Town the current year & to appropriate the same.

4th. To give in their votes for County Treasurer.

5th. To adopt any mode the Town may think Proper, respecting the Pews in the new meeting House which remain unsold. — —

6th To see if the Town will choose an agent to oppose the laying out a road from Sheldens

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Warrant
Continued.

Shirley road near the widow Willards to the Union Turnpike below the Poor house. — — —

7th To see if the town will grant Jacob Stone the privilege of drawing his proportion of School money from District Number nine. — — — —

Given under our hands and seal this 16th of February 1818. Sam[l] Manning
Joel Wilder
Elisha Sanderson } Selectmen of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester ss. I hereby notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representatives, and in Town affairs, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose named in the above Warrant Feby 16 1818.

Joseph Farwell Constable of Lan[r]

Return.

Worcester ss. March 2[d] 1818. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster to within directed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein specified, by posting the same at the old Meeting house as the law directs. Joseph Farwell Constable of Lancaster.

The foregoing a true copies of the Warrant Notification and return thereon for the annual March Meeting. —

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in town affairs assembled at the old Meeting house pursuant to the warrant and notification on Monday the second day of March Anno Domini 1818. — 1818. March meeting. Proceedings.

After the reading a list of Voters.

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq Moderator.

And after Prayer: The town

Voted and chose Josiah Hagg Esq town Clerk.

" " " Messrs Elisha Sanderson, Jacob Fisher, Jonas Whitney, } Select Men. — Town Officers.

" " " Mr Eli Stearns. Treasurer.

" " " Messrs Benjamin Wyman, Moses Smith, Isaac Child } Assessors.

" " " Messrs Elisha Sanderson, John Goodwin Ephraim Rugg, Thomas Ballard, Caleb Lincoln, Jonas Whitney, Gawen B. Newman, Abner Pollard, Jonathan Bullrick, Dan Harris, Gardner Pollard, Samuel Manning, were a Committee chosen by the Town to prepare, and present a list of Persons suitable for a Committee to visit the Schools. Who reported the following list which was voted acceptance viz.

Revd Nathl Thayer D. D.

Messrs Davis Whitman, Josiah Bridge, Moses Smith, Saml Manning, Isaac Childs, Wm Townshend, Jona Wilder, Moses Emerson, Josiah Hagg, John Thurston, Farnham Plummer, Jacob Fisher — School Visiting Commd.

Voted and chose Messrs Peter Jesse, Elijah Wilder, Eli Stearns, John Goss, George Sawyer, Thos W. Lyon, Elias Emerson, Jno Thurston, Moses Barrett, Isaac Child. — Surveyors of Highways.

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William Townshend, John Goodwin, Seth Sargent and Timothy Fletcher (Surveyors of Highways.
& Simeon Whitney)

Voted to divide the Walnut Swamp, and Village Highway District it being considered inexpedient to have them any longer united.

Voted and chose Mr. Benjamin H. Foster, Sealer of Leather

" " " Messrs. Isaac Cowdray, Geo. Sawyer, Asa Arnold, Ephm. Rugg } Field drivers

" " " " Joseph Farwell 2d Jonas Whitney, Jona. Buttrick, Jno. Goodwin } Fence Viewers

" " " John Hawks Jr. Abijah White Cullers Staves

" " " " Stephen Laughton, Levi Lewis, John Capen, Thos. Tivoli Jun., Abel Rugg Jun., Narben Millar, Todi Sanderson, Luke Rugg } Hog reeves

" " " " Thomas Howe Jona. Buttrick Surveyors of Lt.

" " " Aaron Johnson Jona. Bruce, Deer reeves.

" William G. Weld, Nath. Low, Levi Lewis } Fish wardens.

" " Josiah Hagg, Levi Lewis, Josiah Bridge, Nath. Low } Woodmeasrs.

" Mr. Peter T. Vose Poundkeeper.

" " Messrs. Joseph Wilder, Moses Smith, Elijah Wilder } Comee to Superintend Singing

" " " " Dr. Manning, Dr. Carter, Eli Stearns } Kine Pox Comee

Charles " " " Charles G. Pickman, John Davis, Saml. Manning } Comee to hire Latin & School Master

" " Moses Smith, Joseph Wales, Saml. Manning } Tything Men.

Voted and chose the following persons to take care of, and make small repairs on the several River Bridges in Town when necessary, Viz.

Mr. Elias Bennett for Sprague's Bridge

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Mess.rs Abraham Mallard for Bennetts Bridge
Jonathan Wilder Center - - - D.o
Capt Benj.a Houghton Quasiponiken. D.o
Tim.o Whiting Atherton's. D.o
Jeremiah Dyer Whites. D.o
John Goss. Harris's. D.o
Joel Rugg Elias Bennett D.o

Prudential accounts for the year 1817, were exhibited by the Select men and Treasurer, and read to the Inhabitants, who Voted that they should be passed over to a Committee for examination,* & Report, accordingly were chosen, Mess.rs Moses Smith, John Davis, Tim.o Whiting Jacob Fisher and Davis Whitman. —

*Who are also to consider the propriety of exempting such persons in town that belong to different religious societies from the payment of Parish expenses.

Voted to put over the 3.d article to the adjournment, excepting the raising eight hundred dollars which sum was voted to be raised and expended on the repairs of Highways, at the usual Rates & after the usual manner. —

$800 High-way Money.

Voted to put over the 4th article to the adjournment.

Voted to commit the subject of the 5th article to Mess.rs Jonas Lane, John Thurston, Davis Whitman, Caleb Lincoln, Joel Wilder, Jacob Fisher, Eli Stearns. —

Voted and chose Moses Smith Esq. for an agent to oppose the laying out a road from Shirley road near the Widow Willard's to the Union Turnpike below the Toll house. — — — — — — — — — —

Voted to grant Jacob Stone the privilege of drawing his proportion of School money from district Number nine on Condition that he shall produce annually a certificate that he appropriates it to the education of his children, satisfactory to the Select men. - - - - Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at 3.o clock P.M. Attest J. Flagg, Tr.

School money grant to Jacob Stone.

Jacob Fisher moderator
true Copies, Attest Josiah Flagg town-clerk

1818.
March 2.
Town Clerk Sworn.

Worcester ss. March 2nd 1818 Personally Appeared Josiah Flagg Esqr. and took the oath by Law Required to qualify him to execute his duty as Clerk of the Town of Lancaster

before me Jacob Fisher Jus. Pacis

Select Men Sworn.

Worcester ss. March 2d 1818. Messrs. Elisha Sanderson Jacob Fisher, and Jonas Whitney, Selectmen of Lancaster, made oath, that they would faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their Office, as respects all elections, and the Returns thereof.

Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Town Officers Sworn.

Worcester ss, March 2. 1818. Personally appeared on the second day of March instant and between that time and the date hereof Messrs Eli Stearns Treasurer, Benjamin Wyman, Moses Smith, Isaac Childs Assessors. — Peter T. Tose Eli Stearns, John Goss. George Sawyer Thomas W. Lyon, Elias Emerson, Jno Thurston jun. Elijah Wilder Moses Barrett, Isaac Child, William Townshend John Goodwin, Seth Sargent, Timothy Metcher Simeon Whitney, Surveyors of Highways. — Benjamin H. Foster, Sealer of Leather. — Isaac Cowdry, George Sawyer, Asa Arnold Ephraim Rugg, Field drivers. Joseph Farwell 2. Jonas Whitney, Jonathan Buttrick John Goodwin, Fence viewers. John Hawks jun. Abijah White, — Cutters of Staves. — Stephen Laughton Levi Lewis John Capen, Thomas Divoll, Abel Rugg Jun. Nathan Millar Sodi Sanderson Luke Rugg Hogreeves Jonathan Buttrick, Thomas Howe; Surveyors of Lumber. Aaron Johnson Deer reeve. Moses Smith Joseph Wales Samuel Mannin, Tythingmen. Wm G Weld, Nathl Lowe Levi Lewis Fishwardens. Josiah Flagg Levi Lewis Josiah Bridge, Nathl Lowe Measurers of Wood. were

severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing excepting Josiah Hagg.

Before me Josiah Hagg town Clerk

1818
Town Officers Sworn.

Worcester ss. April 17. 1818. Nathaniel Brand appeared and took the oath prescribed by law for the Office of Constable and Collector for the town of Lancaster the ensuing year Before me Josiah Hagg town Clerk

Constable Sworn.

April 27. 1818. Joseph Wilder made oath to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of the Office of Town Treasurer the year ensuing.

Before me Josiah Hagg Town Clerk

Town Treasurer Sworn.

Worcester ss. To Solomon Carter a freeholder of the town of Lancaster. Greeting.

Warrant for a Special Meeting.

Seal

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the old meeting house in said Town on Wednesday the fourth day of March instant at 2 o'clock P.M. to act the following Purposes viz.

1st To choose a Moderator.

2nd To make provision to rebuilding the Bridges which were swept away by the late freshet, or act any thing relating to any Bridge or Bridges in said Town.

Given under our hands & seal this third day of March 1818. Elisha Sanderson.

Jacob Fisher

Jonas Whitney.

Select men of Lancaster.

1818.

Return of the Warrant.

Worcester Ss. March 4 1818. In obedience to the wish in Warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other inhabitants, legally authorized to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the old Meeting house in Lancaster at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned, my bounds of which persons to notify is round the neck so called, the village to Amasa Willards, thence by N. Whittemore by P. Rugg's to Moses Jones & Walnut Swamp so called. Solomon Carter.

A true Copy of the Warrant, and return thereon, and of two similar Warrants directed to, and returned by Joseph Farwell and Elijah Wilder

Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk of Lancaster

Proceedgs of March 4th Meet.

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs, specially warned for the purpose of taking into Consideration measures necessary to repair the damages done to the Bridges, by the late Freshet. this fourth day of March A.D. 1818.

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq Moderator.

Voted that a Committee be chosen to consider the subject and report what Bridges shall be immediately erected and repaired; and for said Purpose were chosen Messrs Jacob Fisher Willm G Weld Timothy Whiting, Solomon Carter, John Thurston Joseph Leach, Daniel Harris, Farnham Plummer Elias Bennett, Jonas Lane, Caleb Lincoln. — Eli Stearns. Voted to adjourn half an hour for the said Committee to make up their Report. The Committee presented the following

following report "Your Committee give it as their opinion, that Bennetts Bridge, Center Bridge and Athens Bridge ought to be erected as soon as may be by choosing a Committee for each Bridge; Also that a Committee be appointed to make so much repair on Harris's Bridge as to render it safe for Travellers at present.—

1818 March 4th Proceeds

Report of Committee

That Bennetts Bridge be erected on the same abutments, and that the Town as soon as may be make Preparations for building a new Bridge on the that Contemplated above said Bennetts Bridge agreeably to a former vote of the Town, and that the subject of Bennetts Mill Bridge be deferred till April Meeting."

J. Fisher Pr Order

Sprague Bridge to be attended to by Selectmen.

After said Report was read it was Voted to accept the same.— — — — — —

Voted that the following Persons chosen as Committees for the several Bridges Carry into effect the foregoing Report Viz for Bennetts Bridge Messrs Jacob Fisher
Caleb Lincoln
Thos Howe.

For the Center Bridge " Jonas Whitney
Solo Carter
Timothy Whiting

For Athertons Bridge " John Thurston
Farnham Plummer
Elijah Wilder

For repairs on Harris's Bridge " Gardner Pollard
Danl Harris
John Goss.

Voted to Commit the subject of Repairs of other Bridges to the Selectmen. — — —

Voted that all the Timber belonging to the several Bridges when Town shall be appropriate

1818. to the Bridges it may belong to respectively if
Proceed.s Considered by the Committees as most expedient.
of March 4th Voted to dissolve this Meeting. — — —
Meeting

Jacob Fisher Moderator

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

A true Copy attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk

To Joseph Farwell Constable of the town of
Lancaster — — Greeting —

Seal.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn the Freeholders, and other inhabitants of said Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor Lieut Governor Counsellors and Senators, and in town affairs to assemble at the old meeting house in said Town on Monday the 6th day of April next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz —

Warrant for April Meeting.

1st To bring in their votes for Governor, Lieut Governor Counsellors and Senators for the year ensuing —

2d To choose a moderator to govern the Meeting in Town affairs. — —

3d To restrain neat Cattles, horses Mules & Sheep going at large on the Common or highways the ensuing year, or act anything relating thereto.

4th To authorize School District No 10 to receive their due Proportion of the School money.

5th To hear the further report of the Committee appointed last year to examine the accounts of the Select men and Town Treasurer, and act anything thereon. — — —

6th To allow the account of Moses Smith Esq for a journey to Boston, to oppose the Petition of West

Boylston, praying for an alteration of their Act of Incorporation. — — — — — — — 1818 April 6th Warrant Contin.

7th To make provision for extending the sound of the meeting house Bell to a greater distance, either by raising the Ball or opening the Cask at the Top of the bell Deck, or act any thing thereon. —

8th To make sale of the town's Shed at the new Meeting house, which in order would be No 26, or act anything relating thereto. Given under our hands and Seal this 23d day of March A. D. 1818.

Elisha Sanderson
Jacob Fisher
Jonas Whitney
Select men of Lancaster.

Worcester ss. March 23. 1818 Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor Lieut-Governor Councellors & Senators, and in Town affairs, are hereby notified to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Joseph Farwell Constable Notification.

Worcester ss. April 6th 1818. Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified, and warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as within Specified, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned by posting the same at the Meeting house as the Law directs. — Return.

Joseph Farwell Constable Lancaster

True Copies of the Warrant Notification & Return,
Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

1818. April Warrant & Proceedgs

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor and Lieut. Governor, holden at the old Meeting house on the 6th day of April A.D. 1818 for the Purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor Senators and Counsellors. —

The votes handed in to the Select men are as follows. For Governor. —

Votes for Governor &c &c

His Excellency John Brooks	203
Hon Benjamin Crowninshield	47

For Lieut Governor.

His Honor William Phillips	203
Hon Thomas Kittredge	46

For Senators & Counsellors.

Hon Oliver Crosby	201.
" Daniel Waldo	201.
" James Humphreys	201
Gen. Stephen P. Gardner	197
Joseph Adams Esq	46
Edmund Cushing Esq	46
Jonas Sibley Esq	46
Zadock Gates Esq	46
Hon Moses Smith	2
Gen Silas Holman	2

Meeting opened for Town affairs.

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq Moderator.

Cattle &c Restrained

Voted to restrain neat Cattle Horses mules & asses going at large on the Common and highways that is to say, from this day to the first day of November next provided however that the Select men may license restrain indigent persons to turn out orderly Milch

cows having the owners name marked on them, to feed on said Common or highways, but not exceeding one Cow to a family. — — —

1818 April Proceedings Continued

Voted to Commit the subject of the 4th article to a Committee of Four together with the aspects & accordingly were chosen

Majr. David Poignand
Jonathan Locke
Timothy Whiting
Eli Hearns

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee which was recommitted the Prudential accounts for 1816. — — —

Voted to allow the account of Moses Smith for his service at the General Court the last Session.

Voted to Commit the subject of the seventh article to a Committee of Five, and were chosen —

Majr. Jacob Fisher
Eli Hearns
Thomas Ballard
Farnham Plummer
Joel Wilder

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell the Sheds which in order will be No 26. in such ways as will best secure the Interest of the Town. — — — —

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Jacob Fisher Moderator

Attest ( ) Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

March meeting adjournment. The votes being handed into the Moderator for County Treasurer —

County Treasurer

Sam.l Allen Esq had the whole number being 118

1818.

March meeting adjournment continued

1 Voted and chose Mr Nathaniel Rand Constable.

2 Voted and chose Mr Joseph Wilder Pound keeper in the Room of Peleg T. Vose Esq who declined serving.

3 Voted to Postpone the Report of the Committee, to whom was referred the examination of the Town Accounts of the Town the last year, and matters of a Parochial nature to the adjournment of this meeting.

Monies. $4000

4 Voted to raise four Thousand Dollars to defray the expences of the Town the Current year.

5 Voted to appropriate to Rev Mr Thayer's Salary $525.
English Grammar School 750
Latin Gr — School 300

6 Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of the 5th article of the Warrant respecting the Pews in the new meeting House remaining unsold. — Here follows the Report. Lancaster March 23 1818. Your Committee chosen under the 5th article of your last Town Meeting respecting the further disposition of the unsold pews in the new meeting house have attended that service; and Report — That in our opinion it will be for the interest of the town, to have them remain in the care of the Selectmen; until a further order of the Town. — Jonas Lane,
David Whitman,
John Thurston, Caleb Lincoln
Joel Wilder Jacob Fisher
Committee.

Report of Committee on unsold Pews.

7 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of May next at 10 o'clock P.M.

Jacob Fisher Moderator

Attest Josiah Flagg, Town Clerk

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Warrant for a Special Meeting April 6.

To Holli Bruce a Freeholder of the town of Lancaster Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the old meeting house in said town on Monday the 6th day of April next at 3 o'clock P.M. to act on the following viz.—

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.—

2nd To consider the propriety of adopting measures for the Rebuilding Bennett Mill Bridge, or act anything thereto.

Given under our hands & Seal this 31st day of March 1818.—

Jacob Fisher
Jonas Whitney
Select men of Lancaster

Lancaster April 4th 1818. I have notified the Freeholders and other inhabitants qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by giving them personal notice of the subject of the within warrant.

True Copies Attest
Josiah Flagg Clerk.

Holli Bruce Freeholder

Proceedings

Pursuant to the above warrant and notification, the Inhabitants agreable thereto, being assembled proceeded on the Business.

Voted and chose Capt Ephraim Carter Modr.

Voted to rebuild Bennett Mill Bridge.—

Voted to raise a Committee to locate the said Bridge and report the probable expence of Rebuilding the same. and were chosen for said purpose Messrs Jacob Fisher
Jacob Stone
Jonas Lane
John Thurston.

Bennett Mill Bridge

1818 Proceedings of a Special Meeting.

Moses Emerson, Fairham Plummer
Daniel Harris.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Ephraim Carter Moderator.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Committee Further Report on Prudentials for 1816.

The Committee to whom was referred the Selectmen and Treasurers accounts for the year 1816 for further examination, report as follows viz.

The above Committee to whom the accounts of the Town Treasurer and Selectmen were recommitted have examined them, and find that in the statement of the Funds of the Town by the Selectmen, there was a mistake in not giving credit for taxes uncollected in the Collectors hands which have been added by the Selectmen, and we believe the accounts are now correct.

Lancaster Feb 27. 1818. Moses Smith
Caleb Lincoln } Com.

A true Copy Attest
Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Town of Lancaster.

1817 Mar. 5.	Amount of outstanding orders	713.8	1817 Mar. 1	By acct. agt. the Town of Leominster for support of Susan W Parker	6.
	Mercy Manning's Support	39.		" Do against Town of Dorchester for support of M Simmons	50.97
See forward for Acct. of Expenditures.	L. G. Masters wages for 3 Months	115.		" Ballance of Wid. Haskell's Property in Maj. Tuckers hands	8.40
	Collecting taxes	50.20		" Aaron Johnson, for 4 yrs Rent of Wid. Capitons Dowers	18.
	Ballance in favour of the Town	726.30		" Gawen B Newman's acct.	3.
				" Robt Townshends acct.	3.
				Taxes uncollected	1554.21
		$1643.58			$1643.58

A true Copy Attest
Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Sam Manning
Calvin Wilder
Joel Wilder } Selectmen of Lancaster.

1818.
Warrant
May
4th

To Nathaniel Rand Constable of the Town of Lancaster Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of the said Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for a Representative to the General Court, and in Town affairs to assemble at the old Meeting house in said Town on Monday the fourth day of May next at 2d o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.—

Art. 1. To choose one or more Representatives to represent said Town in the General Court of this Commonwealth, the current year.

2d To Choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs. — — — — — — —

3. To hear the Report of Bennetts Mill Bridge Committee, or act any thing thereon. —

4th To further Consider of, and accept the Report of the Committee of finance & Parochial concerns, or act any thing relating thereto. — — — —

5th To hear a list of the names of nine persons as the Selectmen have selected as suitable persons for Jurors and act any thing thereon. — —

6th To accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen from near the village School house, to enter the old Road near Jonas Wilgus dwelling house, & act any thing thereon. — — — — — — —

7th To adopt any Measures that the Town may judge necessary or expedient to oppose before the Legislature the Petition of West Boylston, praying for an alteration in their act of Incorporation. — — — —

8th To consider the expediency of pursuing any further Measures by their agents in the Road case against

1818. May 4th Warrant Continued.

Timothy Whiting Esq or act anything relating thereto.

9th. To allow Salmon Willard, William Willard, Moses Barrett, and Benjamin Willard 2d to work out their highway tax, on their private way. —

10th. To appoint a committee to enquire into the former votes of the Town respecting a passage between the shed back of the new meeting house and to report at this Meeting.

Given under our Hands & Seal the 20th day of April 1818. —

Elisha Sanderson
Jacob Fisher
Jonas Whitney
Select Men of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester ss. Lancaster April 20th 1818.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as above expressed are hereby notified to meet at the time & place and for the purposes named in the foregoing warrant

Nath'l Rand Constable of Lancaster

Return.

Worcester ss. Lancaster May 4th 1818. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes expressed in the within warrant.

Nath'l Rand Constable of Lancaster

True Copies of the warrant Notification & Return

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk of Lancaster.

1818. May. Meeting Proceed.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Representatives and in town affairs duly assembled on Monday the fourth day of May Anno Domini 1818. at 2 o'Clock P.M. —

Voted that the town be Represented in the General Court of this Commonwealth the current Year. — — — — — — — — —

Voted to send to the said General Court two Representatives. — — — — — — —

Capt John Thurston declined being considered a Candidate. The votes for one representative being Called for were Counted and sorted the whole number was Eighty, of which

Capt Benj.a Wyman had	76
Deacon Joel Wilder had	4
	80

On motion of Mr Davis, to reconsider the vote to send two Representatives, the question was put, and voted in the negative. — The Selectmen then called on the electors to bring in their votes for the second Representative, they were handed in, and the whole number was Ninety Three of which

Major Solomon Carter had	62
Deacon Joel Wilder "	29
Capt Benj.a Wyman "	1
Moses Smith Sr. "	1
	93

Representatives. Chosen

The Selectmen declared the choice of Capt Benjamin Wyman, and Major Solomon Carter, Representatives the Current year. — — —

1818. May 4 Meeting Present Continued

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq. Moderator.

Voted to recommit the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Consideration of Bennetts Mill Bridge business, to the same Committee. — — — — — —

Voted on the 4th article to accept the report of the Committee of Finance and Parochial Concerns. — — — — — —

Jurors Selected.

Voted to commit the list of Persons selected by the Selectmen as Jurors to a Committee, and were chosen for said purpose

Messrs Eli Stearns, Jonas Lane
John Thurston Benj^a Wyman
Mosey Smith Timothy Whiting
Caleb Lincoln. who reported a list which was accepted by the Town

Mr. Whitman, pleading infirmity of Bodily Health, by his particular request was excused, and his name erased from the list of Jurors. — — — — — —

Road near Josiah's

Voted to accept the road laid out by the Selectmen near the Village, and Josiah's on Condition that no expence whatever is incurred to the Town thereby. — — — — —

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq. as agent for the Town to oppose before the Legislature of this Commonwealth the Petition of West Boylston, praying for an alteration in their act of Incorporation.

Voted on the 8th article of the warrant

1818. May Proceeds Contin.d

that the agents for the town pursue no further litigation in the road case against Timothy Whiting Esq.

Voted to dismiss the 9th article.

Voted and chose a Committee to take into Consideration the subject of the 10th Article, and were accordingly appointed Mess.rs Solomon Carter, Farnham Plummer, Jon.a Buttrick, Eli Stearns, Thomas Ballard who reported nothing more, than a reference to the record of Votes on the Subject of Sheds.

Shed business.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest Josiah Flagg Clerk Jacob Fisher Mod.r

March meeting adjournment.

Voted and chose Major Solomon Carter Surveyor of Highways the Current year, in the room of Peter T. Vose Esq. excused by the Town at his particular request being engaged in business which calls his absence from town the ensuing summer.

Voted Thanks of the Town for the unremitted services of the Gentlemen Select men the year Past. On a Motion of Mr. Whitman.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Jo. Jacob Fisher Mod.r

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

A true Copy Attest J Flagg Town Clerk of Lancaster.

A.D 1818. An account of the expenditures of the town of Lancaster from March 1st 1817 to March 1st 1818.

Prudential Accts for the year 1817.

Repairs of large Bridges.

Spragues Bridge	$ 47.97	
Bennetts Ditto	67.41	
Whites Do	60.22	
Centre Do	8.87	
Harris Do	28.73	
Bennetts Mill	37.19	
Ponnikin Do	12.27	262.66
Repairing Stuice on centre road		20.25
Powder for Militia		24.-
Repairing N. burying field		7.53
Warning town Officers		7.67
Reo Doctor Thayer's salary		525.
Stationary		3.33

Schools. —

L. Grammar School	375.91	
E. Grammar Do	728.-	
Singing Do	50	1153.91

Taxes. —

Assessing	73.95	
Abatement	28.58	
Collecting	50.30	152.83
Funeral expences		18.33
New meeting house expences		91.65
Repairing L. G. School house		5.25
Shed for new meeting house		29.64
Strings for Bass Viol		3.75
Town Clock expence		208.39
Indentures expence of		1.-
Interest on a town order		11.63

Card forward.

To amount Brot up		$2526.82	1818.
Roads.			Prudential Acct 1817.
Laying out of	3.—		
Surveying Do	1.—		
Repairing Do	29.65	33.65	
Guide Posts expences of		13.33	
Law Suits expences of		183.89	
Entertaining town Officers & Comers		66.29	
Poor Support of	1117.13		
Overseeing Do	45.		
Doctoring Do	14.75	1176.88	
Hearse house expence		22	
Recording Births & Deaths		3.60	
		$4004.68	

Saml Manning
Joel Wilder
Elisha Sanderson
Select Men of Lancaster.

1817 Dr The Town of Lancaster in accot with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer Cr

Mar 3	For ballance of old acct brot forward	149.69	1817 Aug 7	By Cash rec'd of the town of Dunbar in Cash Summons	50.97
	For town orders pr Select men's rec'd	225.86		By Saml Manning for support of Mills	
June 9	For town orders pr Select men's rec'd	528.16	Mar 3	By ball. in Colle by Trustees of Hand	1554.28
1818 Feb 29	For town orders pr Select men's rec'd	620.51	July 30	By assessments to the present year	4012.6
Feb 18	For town orders pr Select men's rec'd	368.93	1818 Jan 7 28	By Cash rec'd of Knox Lane for his note	38.94
Mar 2	For town orders pr Select men's rec'd	1398.58	Feb 28	By Cash rec'd of James Older to ballance his account	6
	For ballance in Collector Farwell's hands	2437.66			
		5725.33			
		5656.24			
	Ballance due the Treasurer	69.09			$5656.24

March 2 1818. The above exhibit is believed to be correct by Eli Stearns Town Treas

and Saml Manning
Joel Wilder
Elisha Sanderson
Select Men of Lancaster.

1818.

Prudential accots Continued for the year 1817

Dr Town of Lancaster

1818			1818		
March 1.	To Amt outstanding orders	1776.36	March 1	By amt of the Town's Stock in the Treasury	4.
"	" Latin Gr. Masters wages	35.—		" D°s Wigs Cash	8.40
"	" Land for New Meeting house	633.33		" D° " Rob Tomlins	3.
"	" one years interest on said	38.—		" D° " G B Newmans	3
"	" Balance in favour of the Town	35.61		" D°s on Johnsons	22.
		2518.30		" D° Josiah Flagg	.75
				" D° Tarbell Farnum	12.
				" D° Nath'l Lowe	30
				" D° Joshua Fletcher	87
				" D° Ab'l Carter	.11
				" D° Elias Sawyer	.43
				" D° Jn° Thurston's	1.5
				" D° G B Newmans	16
				" D° Elijah Wilder	.52
				" D° Asahel Towne Jr	.30
				D° Jn° Gates 2°	5.12
				D° Jn° Barron	1.27
				D° Eben Sawyer	.75
				D° Joel Wilder	1.2
				D° Jn° Marshall 3	.35
				D° Benj Willard	4.52
				D° Clark & James Eastwood	7.10
				By Hon Jn° Bruce Note	15
				By balance in Collector Tarbells hands	1437.61
					2518.30

Sam'l Manning
Joel Wilder
Elisha Sanderson
Selectmen of Lancaster

True Copies of the Prudential Accounts in the year 1817.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clk

New Meeting House Business

Report of Committee on Accounts and Parish Concerns

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, for the year past, and also to Consider what expenditures of the Town in building the new meeting house and support of Public worship, ought to be considered as expences of a Parochial nature have attended the service assigned them and report, that they have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched, except ing in one particular, to wit, That in drawing orders N° 8 & 9. the vouchers do not appear to

correspond with the amount of the sums on the above Book, being ten dollars more than the vouchers. 1818

Your Committee further report, that they have taken into consideration the subject as to what expenditures in building the new meeting house and support of Public worship ought to be considered as parochial charges, and express it as their opinion that the expence incurred for the purchase of the meeting house spot, support of Singing School — expence of the meeting house shed and closet, is a Parochial and not a town charge. — All which is submitted. Lancaster March 23. 1818. Report of Committee Continued

Moses Smith
Jacob Fisher
Timothy Whiting 2d
Davis Whitman
John Davis Jun.

A true Copy Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk of Lancaster.

Seal

To Nathaniel Rand Constable of Lancaster Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the freeholders and other inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the old Meeting house in said Lancaster on monday the 6th day of July next at 4 o Clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz.— Warrant for July Meeting

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.

2d To hear the Report of the Committee on Ben

1818
July 6th Warrant

Bennetts Mill Bridge, and act any thing thereon. —

3d To make provision for building the Sluices near Bennetts Bridge, or act any thing relating thereto. — — —

4th To hear the Report of the Committee on Schooling in School District No 10. and act any thing relating to that, or to Schooling in general. — — — —

5th To investigate as far as respects the interest of the Town, proceedings had in consequence of a warrant issued on a complaint of Betsy Wooster who is liable to be chargeable to the town for her support and maintenance, or act any thing relating thereto.

6th To discontinue the Road leading from Josiah Billings's to Moses Jones's, or act any thing relating thereto. — Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of June A.D. 1818.

Elisha Sanderson
Jacob Fisher
Jones Whitney
Select men of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester ss. June 19. 1818. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster are hereby notified to appear at the time & place and for the purposes expressed in the foregoing Warrant. Vath Rand Constable.

Return.

Worcester ss. July 6th 1818. Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster as within directed, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein named. Vath Rand. Constable of Lancaster.

True Copies Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1818. July 6 Proceedings.

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs, duly assembled at the old Meeting house, Pursuant to the warrant and notification on Monday the sixth day of July A. D. 1818 at 4° Clock P. M. — — — — — — —

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq Moderator.

Voted to accept the Report of the Committee to whom was referred the subject of Rebuilding Bennetts Mill bridge, and the following gentlemen were chosen a Committee to carry said Report into effect viz: Farnham Plummer. Elijah Wilder Calvin Wilder. — See Item

Voted on the 3d article that a Committee of three be raised for the purpose of building the sluice ways near Bennetts Bridge, and the following persons were chosen, viz Messrs Jacob Fisher Caleb Lincoln Thomas Howe.

Voted to accept the former part of the report of the Committee on schooling in No 10 District. —

Voted to accept the latter part of said Report, and that a committee be chosen from each district to consider the subject thereof, and the following persons were appointed by the Town to represent the several Districts, and for said Purpose. — School District Comm.

District No 1. Joseph Farwell 2d	No 8. Jon. Wilder
2. John Robbins	9. John Murston
3. Willm Gould	10. Moses Emerson
4. Thos Ballard	11. Eben. Wilder
5. Jacob Fisher	12. Sam. Manning
6. Eli Stearns	
7. Calvin Wilder	

Here follows the Report.

1818.
July proceedings Continued

"Your Committee report as their opinion that, Provided no alteration takes place in our present System, previous to the next annual payment of School money, District No 10 should be authorized to receive the sum of Fifty seven dollars in lieu of the Fifty two dollars they've hitherto received. — — —

Report of School Com^ee District No. 10.

The committee is furthermore of opinion that, from the lapse of time since the actual distribution of the School money, the town should choose a large Committee to which the board of Assessors should be joined with a view, and for the purpose of making a new arrangement concerning it. — Also to consider and to report how far the present System can and may be amended, thereby endeavour to save the town some expence; at least of doing that which would be of far greater importance towards so essential an object. Promote Education by more equally diffusing it."

Unanimously
D. Poignand Procter.

Lancaster April 1818. —

Voted on the 5th article to choose a committee to prosecute to final judgment, every infraction of Law in the case of Betsy Webster, as they may deem expedient. And accordingly were chosen

Messrs Jonas Lane
Willm G. Weld
Daniel Harris.

Voted to dismiss the 6th article.
Voted to dissolve this meeting. —

True copies of Warrant & proceedings — Jacob Fisher Mod^r
Attest J. Flagg Town Clerk

Lancaster August 5. 1818.

Josiah Flagg Esq. Clerk of the Town of Lancaster.

1818. Assessors Certificate

Sir, We hereby certify that we have assessed upon the Polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Lancaster the Town, County, State & Minister taxes for the year A.D. 1818. as follows. Viz.

Town Tax		$3475.00
County Tax		110.12
Surplus in Making		1.79
		$3586.91
State Tax	$416.	
Surplus in making	2.34	418.34
Minister Tax	525.	
Surplus in making	6.9	531.9
Amounting in the whole to		$4536.34

And have committed lists thereof to Mr Nathaniel Kand Collector of said Town, for the said year 1818. with sufficient warrants in due form, to collect and pay over the same to the several Treasurers agreable to warrants to us directed, and the vote of the town aforesaid.

1818 Assessments. $4676.44

Benj^a Wyman
Moses Smith
Isaac Child
Assessors of Lancaster.

Also we have assessed as aforesaid a second County Tax for the year aforesaid amounting 134.59
Surplus in making the same 5.51
$140.10

And have committed the same to the Collector aforesaid with a sufficient warrant to collect and pay over the same agreably to a warrant to us directed.

Benj^a Wyman
Moses Smith
Isaac Child
Assessors.

Lancaster Sep 12 1818.

Lancaster Sep. 22. 1818. Received and recorded a true Copy, Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1818.

To Nathaniel Kendall Constable of the Town of Lancaster. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Court House in said Lancaster on the first Monday of November next at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States.

2d. To receive the votes of the Inhabitants aforesaid for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, Representatives, Sheriff, Coroners, Treasurer, Commissary, Clerk of the Courts, Register of Probate, Attorney General, Solicitor, Counsellors, Clerk of the Senate, Clerk of the House of Representatives, Secretary, Treasurer, Receiver General, Commissioners of Insolvency, Notaries Public, Inspectors of Beef, Pork, Flour, Lumber, Pot and Pearl Ashes, Gauger, Measurers of Wood and Bark, Surveyors of Lumber, Hemp, Tar, Boards, Shingles, Staves, Hoops, Clapboards, Pipe Staves, Hogsheads, Deputy Naval Officers, Fish Inspectors, Surveyors of Vessels, Culler of Staves, Hoops, Boards, Shingles

[illegible]

[illegible] meet at [illegible] mentioned, by posting the same at [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] in Town [illegible]

[illegible] in the [illegible] Congress [illegible]

[illegible] by the [illegible]

[illegible] 89

The Hon. Jonas Kendall had seventy one 71

Edmund Cushing Esq had Eighteen 18

Town affairs.

Voted [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Voted that [illegible] ject [illegible] that [illegible]

School Business

Latin Grammar.

1818. [illegible] that [illegible]
Nov. 2 [illegible] Dollars. —
[illegible] Meeting. —

[illegible]

Attest Josiah Flagg [illegible]

True Copies of the proceedings [illegible] Meeting.

Attest [illegible] Flagg [illegible]

[illegible]

School Committee [illegible]

[illegible] Committee chosen by the [illegible] the [illegible] Town [illegible] School [illegible] Committee [illegible]

School money to be raised Annually $1005. agreeable to the amendment in the proceedings of this meeting.

[illegible] viz.

No 1.	50	[illegible]
2	50	William Gould
3	70	Thomas Ballard
4	95	Jacob Fisher
5	60	Eli Stearns
6.	85	Jon^a Wilder
7	100	Calvin Wilder
8	45	John Thu[illegible]
9	80	[illegible]
10		[illegible]
11		[illegible]
12		

add $5.70

Committee

Benj Wyman
Moses Smith [illegible]
[illegible] (Guilds)

1818
N. O. L.
S. [illegible]
[illegible]

N.B. [illegible] committee further recommend that [illegible] Philip [illegible] William [illegible] be annexed to district No 3.

NB. — For the amendments in said Report see the [illegible] of the meeting on that article.

[illegible]

Sect. To Nathaniel Rand Constable of the Town of Lancaster. Greeting.

1819. Warrant for March Meeting 5 (")

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required, to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in Town affairs, and for Town Officers, to assemble at the old Meeting house in said Town on Monday the first day of March next at 1 o'clock P.M. to act on the following articles viz. — — — — — —

1st. To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.
2. To choose town Officers for the year ensuing.
3. To give in their votes for County Treasurer.
4. To raise money to defray the necessary expenses of the Town the Current year, and appropriate the [illegible]
5. To procure timber for rebuilding Sprague's Bridge when necessary, or act any thing thereon.
6. To instruct the Selectmen respecting the mode of disposing of the Poor, or act any thing relating thereto.
7. To appoint a Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, relative to the Meeting house and report to the Town. — — — —
8. To choose a Committee to report to the Town at

1819. March meeting Warrant Contin.d

at the next annual March meeting, a list of suitable persons properly located to serve in the various Town Offices commonly filled by nomination.

Given under our hands and Seal the fifteenth day of February A.D. 1819.

Jacob Fisher
Elisha Sanderson
Jonas Whitney
} Select men of Lancaster.

Notification

Worcester ss. Feb.y 15 1819. The freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in town affairs, and for Town Officers, are hereby notified to meet at the time and place and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Nath.l Rand } Constable of Lancaster.

Return.

Worcester ss March 1. 1819. Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, to meet at the time and place & for the purposes therein named by posting the same fourteen days, prior to said meeting agreeably to the Bye laws of said Town of Lancaster.

Nath.l Rand } Constable of Lancaster.

True copies of the Warrant for March meeting Notification and Return thereon.

Attest. Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1819.

March meeting Proceedings

At a meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town affairs and in the choice of town Officers duly assembled at the old Meeting house on Monday the first day of March A.D. 1819 at 1 O'Clock P.M. pursuant to the warrant and notification. — — — —

The inhabitants proceeded in their business as follows viz. A list of Voters was read.

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq Moderator.

Prayers were then offered by the Rev.d Nathaniel Thayer D.D.

The following acts were read by the Clerk. Viz An act to prevent Profane Cursing & Swearing and the Riot Act. — — — — —

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg Esq Town Clerk.

Voted and chose Messrs. Elisha Sanderson, Jacob Fisher, Jones Whitney } Select Men.

Voted and chose Mr. Eli Stearns Town Treasurer

Voted and chose Messrs. Benja. Wyman, Moses Smith, Isaac Childs } Assessors.

Voted and chose the same persons to be a Committee for visiting the Schools as it consisted of last year. who were Rev.d Nath.l Thayer D.D.

Messrs. Davis Whitcomb, Josiah Bridge, Moses Smith, Sam.l Manning, Isaac Childs, Will.m Saunderson, Jon.a Wilder, Moses Emerson, Josiah Flagg, Ja.s Sawtell, Farnham Plummer, Jacob Fisher.

Voted and chose Messrs. Nath.l Kare, Elijah Wilder, Eli Stearns, Elisha Wilder

1819. March meeting Proceedings Continued

Thomas Sawyer Emery Harris, Joseph Rugg Jr.
Jonas Wilder, William Willard, Caleb Lincoln
Jeremiah Fales Jr. Charles E. Knight,
Nath.l Whittemore Jr. William Fletcher
Daniel Robbins. Highway Surveyors.

Voted and chose Mr. Benj.a Foster Sealer of leather

Voted and chose Mess.rs Isaac Cowdry Paul Faulkner
Davis Whitman, Amasa Willard } Field drivers.

Voted and chose Mess.rs Salmon Willard
Tim.o Whiting Jn.o Thurston Jr. Jn.o Goodwin } Fence Viewers

Voted and chose Mess.rs Jn.o Hawks Jr. Abijah White. Cullers of Lbr.
" " " Jacob Fisher Jr. Levi Farwell
Asahel Tower Jr. Wm. Ballard } Hog reeves.
" " " Jacob Fisher Jr. Jon.a Buttrick Surveyors of Lumber
" " " Jn.o Ballard Eben.r Haven. Deer Reeves
" " " Jacob Fisher, Jonas Johnson Fish wardens
" " " Jn.o Thurston 3. Tho.s Howe
Jn.o Davis Jr. Tho.s W. Lyon } Woodmeas.rs
" " " Joseph Wilder Poundkeeper.
" " " Joseph Wilder Jon.a Locke
Dan.l Wilder } Comm.ee to Superintend Singing.
" " " D.rs Manning & Carter
" " " Davis Whitman } Comm.ee to Superintend Kine Pox Inoculation
Sam.l Manning, Josiah Bridge
" " " Joseph Wilder, Joseph Wales
Solomon Carter } Committee to Hire L.G. School Mast.
} Tything men.

Voted and chose the following persons to take charge of and make small repairs on the River Bridges
Viz Elias Danforth for Spragues Bridge
Capt Mallard " Village D.o
Esq Whiting " Center D.o

Capt Benj^a Houghton for Quasiponikin Bridge. 1819.
Thomas Safford " Athertons D^o March
John White " White's D^o Proceedgs
Daniel Harris " Harris's D^o — Contin^d
Asa Barrett " Bennetts D^o — "

Choice of Constable put over to the adjournment

Voted to dismiss 3^d article

Voted to put over the 4th art to the adjournment

Voted to put over the 5th art also.

Voted that the subject matter of the 6th article be referred to the select men. — — — — —

Voted that the subject matter of the 7th article be Committed to Messrs Davis Whitman
Jacob Fisher
Joel Wilder

Voted to dismiss the 8th article of the warrant.

Prudential accounts were read, and Voted that they be committed to
Mess Timothy Whiting Jonas Lane
Joel Wilder. Jno Davis Jr.
Moses Smith.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first monday of April next at 4° Clock P.M.

accordingly it is adjourned

Josiah Flagg town Clerk Jacob Fisher Mod^r

True Copies attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk

Town Clerk Sworn.

Worcester ss March 5th 1819 Personally appeared Josiah Flagg, Esqr and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Clerk of the Town of Lancaster for the ensuing year, and until another should be chosen and sworn in his stead according to his best skill and judgment. Before me,

Wm Smith Jus. Pacis.

Select Men Sworn.

Worcester ss. March 1. 1819. Messrs Elisha Sanderson Jacob Fisher and Jonas Whitney, made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge their duties as Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster the ensuing year as respects all elections and the returns thereof. Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Town Officers Sworn.

Worcester ss. March 11th 1819. Personally appeared on the first day of March instant, and between that time and the date hereof. Messrs Eli Stearns Treasurer. Benjamin Wyman Moses Smith Isaac Child Assessors. Nathaniel Rand, Elijah Wilder, Eli Stearns Elisha Wilder, Emery Harris Jonas Wilder, Wm Willard Caleb Lincoln, Jeremiah Fales jun William Fletcher, Surveyors of Highways. — Isaac Cowdry Amasa Willard. Field drivers — Salmon Willard, Timothy Whiting, John Thurston jun Jno Goodwin, Fence viewers. — Jno Hawks jun Culler of Staves. — Jacob Fisher jun. Levi Farwell Hogreeves William Ballard Jacob Fisher jun. Jonathan Buttrick Surveyors of Lumber. — Joseph Wilder, Solomon Carter Tything Men. — Jacob Fisher Jonas Johnson, Fishwardens. John Thurston 3d Thomas Howe, John Davis jun. Wood measurers. — Joseph Wilder Pound keeper. Were severally sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of the respective offices to which they were severally elected for the year ensuing.

Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

March 20. 1819. Nathaniel Whittemore jun. and on the 22d March instant Thomas Sawyer were sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Surveyors of Highways Before me.

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

April 8. 1819. Nathaniel Rand was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Office of Constable the year ensuing Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Constable Sworn.

Seal

To Nathaniel Rand Constable of the Town of Lancaster — — — Greeting:

April Warrant

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governor, Lieut Governor, Counsellors and Senators and Representatives and in Town affairs, to assemble at the old Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the fifth day of April next at One o'Clock P. M. for the following purposes viz.

1st To give in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor Counsellors and Senators for the year ensuing. —

2d. To Choose a moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs —

3d. To give in their votes for County Treasurer

4th To restrain Neat Cattle, horses, mules and asses from going at large on the public highways, or act any thing thereon. —

5th To adopt measures for preventing horses chaises, waggons, or sleighs, standing on either side of the entries of the new meeting house

1819.

April Warrant Continued

or near thereto, or act any thing thereon. —

6th To explain the vote passed at a late Meeting relative to refunding to Jacob Stone, his school Money or act any thing relating thereto. —

7th To instruct the Highway Surveyors so to form the sides of the roads in their several districts as to render it convenient for Sleighs to pass thereon. —

8th To remunerate the occupant of the Sea Farm for damages sustained, while building the Meeting House, or act any thing relating to said Farm.

9th To repay to John Wilbar monies advanced by him for the town to Collector Haskell or act any thing relating thereto. —

10th To instruct the Assessors to make all State & in future in such manner, that Parish Taxes, and general Town concerns may be kept so seperate, that each may be easily and well understood. Given under our Hands and Seal this twenty second day of March A.D. 1819.

Elisha Sanderson
Jacob Fisher
Jonas Whitney
Selectmen of Lancaster.

Notification.

Worcester ss. March 22d 1819. The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as above, are hereby notified to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant. Nath.l Rand Constable for Lancaster.

Return.

Worcester ss. April 5. 1819. In pursuance to the within warrant I have notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town to meet at the time and place, and for the purpose, expressed in the within warrant. — Nath.l Rand Constable of Lancaster.

1819.
Proceedings 5th April meeting.

At a legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators and Counsellors, holden at the old Meeting House on the fifth day of April A.D. 1819. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor Lieut. Governor Senators and Counsellors. - , The votes handed in to the Selectmen are as follows viz

The whole number being - - - - 271

Votes for Governor &c. &c.

For Governor

His Excellency John Brooks, Two Hundred and sixteen.

Hon. Benjamin W. Crowninshield Fifty Five. -

For Lieut Governor

His Honor William Phillips Two Hundred and Sixteen.

Hon. Benjamin Austin Fifty Five.

For Senators and Counsellors.

Hon Stephen P. Gardner Two hundred and Sixteen.

Aaron Sustes Esq Two hundred and Sixteen.

Lewis Bigelow Esq Two hundred and Sixteen

Sam.l Eastman Esq Two hundred & Sixteen.

Jonas Sibley Esq. Fifty five.

Joseph Adams Esq. Fifty five.

Edmund Gushing Esq. Fifty five.

Jadock Gates Esq Fifty five.

The voters proceeded to Joint Business

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq Moderator.

Voted to restrain Neat Cattle, Horses, mules and Asses from going at large on the common and highways from this day to the first day of November next inclusive, provided however

1819 April 12th Warrant Continued, — that the Selectmen may license certain indigent persons to turn out orderly Milch Cows, having the owners name marked on them to feed on said Common or highways but not exceeding one Cow to a family.

Proceedings Continued. Voted to reject the 3d article to the Selectmen.

Voted to dismiss the 6th article, but that the Selectmen be requested to insert an article in the warrant for next Town meeting, so that Mr. Jacob Stone may receive his equitable proportion of School money out of the order issued in favour of the district whereof he is an inhabitant. — — —

Voted on the 7th article, that the Highway Surveyors be instructed so to form the sides of the Roads in their several districts as to render it convenient for sleighs to pass thereon.

Voted, That the Assessors in future abate the taxes of Mr. John Willard. — —

Passed over the 8th article.

Voted that the subject matter of the 10th article be committed to a committee of three, and accordingly were chosen Timothy Wheeler
Moses Smith
Jacob Fisher 2d

Voted also that the subject of the 8th article be committed to the same Committee who consider the subject of the 10th article of the warrant.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Josiah Flagg Town clerk. Jacob Fisher Moder

Adjournment of March Meeting. 1819 April.

Voted for County Treasurer being called for, and Samuel Allen Esq. had the whole number being One Hundred. — — —

Voted and chose Mr Nathaniel Rand Constable

Voted and chose Mr Elisha Davis Surveyor of Highways in the room of Daniel Robbins.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the Prudential Accounts for 1818. — —

Voted to raise Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars to defray Town expenses the Current year. Monies $5400.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's account relative to the New Meeting House. — —

Voted that the 3d article of March meeting Warrant be submitted to the discretion of the Selectmen.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Jacob Fisher Moder.

Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

True Copies of the Warrant for April meeting and the Proceedings on that and the adjournment of March Meeting.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

1819 April. Prudential Acco^ts for 1818.

An account of the expenditures of the Town of Lancaster from March 1. 1818 to the 1st March 1819. — Bridges.

Spragues Bridge	$ 15.55	
Whites Do	39.16	
Village Do	324.32	
Center Bridge and Sluices	287.60	
Quassiponikin Bridge	67.51	
Village Sluices	167.82	
Athertons Bridge	128.90	
Harris's Bridge repairs	139.-	
Bennetts Mill Bridge	457.99	
Small Bridges	11.86	1639.71
Support Clothing and relieving Sundry Poor		1229.51
New meeting house land	672.38	
For taking care of house ringing bell &c the last & present year to 1st March	24.4	
Allowance for many repairs on bell frame	9.91	706.33
Rev^d Dr Thayer's Salary		525.-
Assessing Taxes & lists of Voters by the Assessors & Board &c		80.10
Abatement of Taxes		24.64
Collecting taxes		47.23
Entertaining town Officers & Committees		76.89
Stationary for town officers		1.88
Repairs on Butlers Road & on Scrapes		23.47
Repairs on Hearse and harness		9.91
Interest on Notes		10.77
Repairs on Town's Shed		4.19
Magazine and Powder for Militia		39.22
Suits at Law defending Roads and Vs West Boylston		182.97
Postage of letters		48
Notifying Town Officers & warning town meetings		11.50
Expence of borrowing money		3.87
Overseeing Poor		45.-
Doctoring Poor		15.-
Carried over		$4677.67

Amount brought forward	4677.67	1819.
Latin G School	280.75	Prudential Accounts 1818.
Latin G School House	6.27	
English Grammar Schools	845.	
Expence of Town Clock — clock	4.	
Total expenditures	$5813.69	

Supporting & Doctoring Clothing and overseeing the Poor, together with the relief afforded to such as are not included on our list amounts to the sum of $1289.51

Elisha Sanderson
Jacob Fisher
Jonas Whitney } Select men of Lancaster.

Dr The town of Lancaster in acct with Eli Stearns town treasurer Cr.

1818 Mar 3	Fr a ballance of last yr acct.	69.9	1818 Mar 3	By ballance in Collector Farwells hands		2437.66
23	" Town orders pr Select men's Rect	301.68	Aug. 5	" Assess^ts for the present yr		4010.22
June 19	" Town orders pr Do	433.73	Sep 12	" Surplus in making 2nd County Tax		5.51
Oct 19	" Town orders pr Do	272.4	Nov 16	" Cash borrowed of Wm Jennison		300 —
Dec 7	" Town orders pr Do	2160.55	11	" Cash borrowed of Eben Fitch		150
1819 Jan 11	" Town orders pr Do	961.85	13	" Cash borrowed of Rev Dr Thayer		150.
Feb 13	" Town orders pr Do	1017.26	16	" Cash borrowed of Davis Whitman		150
Mar 1	" Town orders pr Do	393.64	Mar 1	" Town orders rec of Select men for Bills of Cost		35.50
"	Ballance in Collector Farwells hands	201.26				$7238.89
"	Ballance in Collector Rands hands	480.71				
	Ballance in the Treasurers hands	947.8				
		$7238.89				

Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Elisha Sanderson
Jacob Fisher
Jonas Whitney } Select men of Lancaster.

1819 April

Prudentials Continued.

Dr The town of Lancaster

1819 Town orders outstanding	1955.14	By sundry debts from individuals	138.44
Due for Town Clock	224.–	Ballance in Collectors hands	681.97
For Collecting Taxes and notifying Town officers &c	100	Ballance in Treasurers hands	265.11
Money borrowed by Treas^r as p^r vote of Town	750	Ballance against the Town	1943.62
	$3029.14		$3029.14

Committee, Report on Accounts

The Committee appointed to examine and report on the Prudential accounts of the last year have attended the business assigned them and find that the Select men and Treasurers accounts have been regularly kept, correctly cast, and properly vouched. – Which is respectfully submitted

Timothy Whiting
Jonas Lane
Joel Wilder
John Davis Jr
Moses Smith

Lancaster March 22^d 1819.

True Copies of Prudential accounts and Report thereon. Att^r Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Lancaster April 1819.

Dr The town of Lancaster to Eli Stearns for services Connected with the new meeting House? –

New meeting House Business

1817 May 1	For ½ day closing accounts	$ 1
2	" ½ day at D^o	1
3	" 1 Day at D^o	2.
5	" ½ Day at closing settlement	1.
16	" ½ day seeling due Bills	1.
June 2	" 1 day ballancing accounts	2.
3	" ½ day borrowing money to pay Bridge for Kendall	1.
7	" ¼ day to Capt Goss & after money	50
9	" ½ day to J Fairbank, Capt Ward & Capt Emerson to procure money to pay Interest	1
July 7.8.9	" 2 days at Boston Borrowing money	4
	Card over	$ 14.50

Town of Lancaster to Eli Stearns. D

1817	To amount Brot forwd £		111.58
July	For a lock to the upper loft in the meeting house	1.	New meeting House Business
	" putting on D°	25	
14	" 1/2 day to Capt Merrill Committee to pay money	1.	
Aug. 28	" 1/2 day settling &c	1.	
Oct 15	" 2 1/2 days to Salem & horse in Chaise	10.62	
	Expences	3.6	
Dec 11. 1813	" Iron gear to hang 2 Doors from pullies for Door	48	
	Labour and material for weighting & hiding doors	1.95	
27. 29	" 1/2 day at pew deeds	3.	
1815 Jan 5. 6	" 1/2 day settling pew rates & paying debt	3.	
	" 1 Quire paper	28	
Feb 9	" 1 Day at Rands settling pew rates	2.	
17. 18. 19	" 3 days at Boston to pay money	6.	
	Horse and sleigh to D°	3.60	
	" Expences to D°	5.3	
June 3. 4. 5. 6	" 3 days to Boston Salem & Woburn	6.	
	" Horse and chaise expence D°	11.89	
Do.	" Postage on a letter from Burlington	18	
July 17	" Postage on a letter from B. F. Ingalls by	10	
Nov 25 26. 27. 28	" 4 days to Boston Salem &c	8.	
	" Horse and chaise 50 Miles	6.25	
	" expences on the Journey	5.88	
Dec 25 1815	" Cash paid postage of a letter from Boston	10	
Jan 9	Cash paid for Stationary	37	
Feb 2. 3. 11	3 days at Boston for collecting & paying money	6.	
	" Horse and Chaise	4.50	
	" expences on the Journey	3.80	
Feb 1818	" 1 3/4 Day made up of small pieces	3.50	
March	" 1/2 D° D°	3.	
April	" 1 3/4 D° D°	3.50	
May	" 1 1/4 D° D°	2.50	
June	" 1/4 D° D°	.50	
July	" 2 days & horse and chaise 1 Day	5.50	
August	" 1 Day & horse and waggon 10 £	2.50	
Sept	" 1/2 Day	1.	
October	" 2 1/2 days & horse and waggon 10 miles	6.	
Nov.	" 4 days	8.	
Dec	" 6 3/4 Days & horse and waggon 10 miles	11.50	
1819 Jany	" 6 1/4 Days	12.50	
Feb 4	" 2 1/2 days	5.	
	" Cash paid on Journey to Boston Nov 10 15 and 20 miles	2.50	D
	" Cash paid postage on letters	2.25	102.93
	" 5 Shares in the 300 Proprietors Bay Corporation		
	" Cash paid Bill of Boston Bank stationary Nov 20		Carried over

1819. Dr Town of Lancaster to Eli Stearns.

New Meet in o't House Business.

To amount Brought forward $ 192.93

Cr The town of Lancaster

1817 May 16	By Cash recd of David Whitney vendue account		12.70
" 20	" Cash recd of Elias Danforth for error in his account		.75
June 20	" 7/4th Sheet Lead		.51
July 2	" 4m Shingles		13.33
	" 1 Stone drag		1.—
" 14	" Cash received of Thomas Henry for 5 pm Shingles		17.33
1818 Jany 27	" Cash recd of Luke Rugg for 11/4th Sheet lead		1.—
Mar 25	" Cash recd of Jno Lyon vendue acct		0.37
Aug 26	" Cash recd of Calvin Wilder for do		1.50
1819 Jany 4	" Cash recd of Calvin Peabody for Pewrent		9.11
	" Stage pole sold Chas Bigelow		17
	" Ballance of Bell money		16.60
March 27	" Col. Lane for Cherry Log & Sheet lead		2.8
	Ballance due Wm Stearns	116.48	192.93

April 25th 1819. Elisha Davis personally appeared, and made oath to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of the Office of Highway Surveyor for the Current year.

— Before me Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

The Abstract of the Debts and Credits of the Town connected with the New meeting House &c.

To whom due	Principal	Interest	Amot.
To the Heirs of Joseph Orne Salem	1000	42.17	1042.17
" President & Fellows of Harvard College	2000	4.67	2004.67
" Eliza Whitmore Salem	4000	93.34	1093.34
" Eunice Wyman & Woburn	200	7.67	207.67
" Eli Richards Franklin balance			289.8
Nath[l] Reed Lancaster	617.19	26.21	643.13
" Eben[r] Fitch Sterling	400	4.25	404.25
Eli Stearns			1018.10
			$9733.01

By amount due on Pew notes	$5238.25
Town orders received for Pews	952.92
" 14 Months interest due for 784 dollars	54.88
" Ballance due by the Town	3486.96
	$9733.01

25 pews unsold appraised 3945.
Ministers pew and 4 free pews appraised at 800
making in the whole $4745
If the pews when all sold 3486.96
$1208.4
at the appraisment the ballance would be in favour of the Town $1258.4

1819
March 1 To ballance as per Contra 3486.96

True Copies,
Attest, Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

Your Committee appointed at the last March meeting for the purpose have examined the foregoing Abstract and also all the Books and papers relative to the new meeting House in the Treasurers hands, and find them fairly & methodically kept, and believe the foregoing account to be correct.
Lancaster April 5. 1819

David Whitman
Jacob Fisher
Committee
Jal Wilder

New Meeting House Accounts

1819 Worcester ss To Nathaniel Rand Constable of Lan-
May 3. caster — Greeting? — —
Warrant. In the name of the Commonwealth of
& Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify &
Seal warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the
said town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice
of Representatives and in town affairs to assemble
at the old Meeting house in said Lancaster on Mon-
day the 3d day of May next at 2 o'Clock P. M. —
for the following purposes viz. —
1st To choose one or more Representatives
to represent them in the General Court of this
Commonwealth the ensuing year.
2d To choose a moderator to govern the meeting
in Town affairs. —
3d To appropriate monies raised the last
March meeting. —
4th To raise money for the repairs of Roads
and Highways the present year.
5th To hear the report of their Committee on the 8th
and 10th articles of the April meeting warrant
and act anything thereon. — — — —
6th To so far alter District No 6's proportion of
School money; as that Jacob Stone may receive
an order for his just proportion, and that said
District's order may be proportionally lessened act any
thing relating thereto. — — — — — — —
7th To Consider the propriety of making a reasonable
allowance to Eli Stevens Town Treasurer, for the
very arduous and responsible duty of Transacting
the business of the meeting house the two last years

Given under our hands and seal this 19th day of April A. D. 1819.

Jacob Fisher
Elisha Sanderson
Jonas Whitney
Select men of Lancaster

1819 May 3 Warrant Contin'd

Worcester ss. April 19. 1819. The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified as above expressed, are hereby notified to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes named in the foregoing warrant

Nath'l Rand Constable of Lancaster

Notification.

Worcester ss. May 3. 1819. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote for representative and in town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes expressed in the within warrant.

Nath'l Rand Constable of Lancaster

Return.

The foregoing are true Copies of the Warrant Notification and Return for May 3d Meeting

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the Choice of Representative and in town affairs duly assembled on Monday the third day of May Anno Domini 1819 at 2 Clock P. M. Voted to choose on or

Proceedings.

1819. May 3d Proceedings

Representatives to the General Court, the ensuing year Voted to choose one Representative. —

A motion was made to reconsider the last vote and it was voted in the negative. — — — —

The votes being called for by the Selectmen were Counted and sorted the whole number was found to be — — — — — — 165

and were as follows viz

For Benjamin Wyman Esquire 120
Major Solomon Carter . . 43
Major Jona Locke . . . 2

Representative chosen.

The selectmen made declaration that Benjamin Wyman Esq. was duly elected Representative for the year ensuing

Town affairs,

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher esq Modr.

Highway Money $800 —

Voted to raise eight hundred dollars to be laid out and expended in repairing the Roads and highways allowing as usual the prices for labour and teams thereon. — — —

Voted to accept the following Reports of a Committee for the Purpose viz — The committee appointed to take into Consideration the 10th article of the last April meeting warrant have attended that Service and report as their opinion that the expence incurred for the meeting house Land 706.33
Town Clock . . 436.39
Repairs of Town Shed 4.19
Interest on money borrowed 10.77
Amounting to — $1157,68
together with such sum as the town or Parish shall

allow the occupant of the Lee farm for injuries sustained while the meeting house was building, might be considered as a parochial Concern, and that so much of the money raised at March meeting last be appropriated for that purpose and that the assessors be directed to assess the same on the polls and estates of all such as are now liable to be taxed to the Revd Doctor Thayer's Salary, and all such as were members of Doct Thayer's Society at the time the expence was voted and incurred. — — — — —

Timothy Whiting
Moses Smith
Jacob Fisher

1819.
May 3
Proceeds
Committee
Report on Parochial Concerns
1157.68
20.
$1177.68
Parochial expences.

Lancaster April 19. 1819.

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the 8th article of the last April meeting warrant to remunerate the occupant of the Lee farm for damages sustained while building the Meeting House; have attended that service and are of the opinion from a careful investigation that the occupant is entitled to Twenty Dollars for the injury. Timothy Whiting Pr Order.

Org Smith's Business.

Voted on the 3d article to appropriate of the Monies raised the present year as follows viz

Revd Doct. Thayer's Salary $525.
For Schooling the sum reported by the Committee on that subject viz 1005.—
Parochial Concerns . . 1177.68

Voted on the 6th article that the Select men be directed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favour of Jacob Stone for his equitable part of the School money from the district whereof

1819. May 3. Meeting & Proceedings Continued.

he is an inhabitant for the Past year, and in future, so that the School order which may be issued, Jacob Stone, may so far lessen the sum of the School order issued to School District Number nine: - - - - -

Voted to dismiss the 7th article. -

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Jacob Fisher Mod.r

Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

true Copy Attest. Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

May 27. 1819. Amasa Willard was sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of the Office of Fieldriver, for the current year. —

Before me Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

1819. Assessors Certificate Highway Tax

We the subscribers hereby certify that we have assessed on the Polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster a Tax of $800,00 to be worked out on the public highways for the year A.D. 1819. and committed lists in due form to the several surveyors of said Town, together with a surplus sum in making the sum of $7.90 making a sum of $807.90 viz.

District No. 1	Nath.l Rand	Surveyor	75.55
2	Eli Stearns	D.o	86.26
3	Thos Sawyer	D.o	42.22
4	Joseph Bugg Jr.	D.o	19.58
5	William Willard	D.o	70.33
6	Charles Knight	D.o	29.23
7	Elisha Wilder	D.o	33.8
8	Elijah Wilder	D.o	85.66
9	Caleb Lincoln	D.o	75.95
10	Amny Harris	D.o	63.9
	Cas.d over		$580.95

1819.

Amount Brought over . . . $580.95
District No 11 Jonas Wilder - Savoya - 62.93
" 12 William Fletcher " . 56.77
" 13 Elisha Davis - - " - - 13.21
" 14 Nath Whittemore Jun " 30.59
" 15 Jeremiah Fates Jr - - " 63.45
$807.90

With directions to cause the same to be worked out or collected and paid over agreable to the vote of the Town, and the Law in such Case made and provided. Benj Wyman
Moses Smith } Assessors of Lancaster.

Lancaster July 21 1819.
Josiah Flagg Esq Town Clerk.
True Copy attest J Flagg T Clerk

Lancaster August 7th 1819. Received and recorded. Pr Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

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We the subscribers hereby certify that we have assessed on the polls and estates of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster the Taxes for said Town for the year A.D. 1819. as follows viz

Assessors Certificate 1819.

Town Tax - -	$3697.32	
County Do -	225.13	3922.45
Surplus in making - -		11.10
State Tax - - -	478.	
Surplus in making	4.22	482.22
Minister Tax .	525.0	
Surplus - -	8	525.8
Parochial Tax	1177.68	
Surplus - - -	59	1178.27
All amounting to		$6119.12

And we have committed

1819 Assessors Certificate.

lists thereof with warrants in due form of law to Nathaniel Rand Collector of said Town with directions to collect and pay over as follows, viz, the State Tax to the State Treasurer, on or before the first day of April 1820. the County Tax to the County Treasurer, on or before the first day of December next. The Minister tax to the Town Treasurer, one half on or before the first day of September next, and the remainder together with the town & Parochial Taxes and all the Surplusses above mentioned to the Town Treasurer or his order on or before the first day of March next by virtue of warrants &c to us directed. — — — —

Lancaster August 4. 1819. — Benj^a Wyman
Moses Smith
Isaac Childs } assessors

Joriah Flagg, Esq T. Clerk. —

Received and recorded this 7th day of August A D 1819 Joriah Flagg Town Clerk

True Copies

Attest J. Flagg Town Clerk

The assessors also filed this 7th day of August A.D. 1819 a Copy of the single rate or valuation.

Attest Joriah Flagg Town Clerk. —

1819.

Perambulation of Town lines

We the subscribers, Selectmen of the towns of Harvard and Lancaster, have this day perambulated and renewed the bounds as the law directs. Dec 13. 1819.

Joseph Willard, Phil. Atherton } Selectmen of Harvard
Elisha Sanderson, Solomon Carter agent } Selectmen of Lancaster

Harvard.

This certifies, That we have this day run the lines & renewed the bounds between the towns of Lancaster and Sterling Dec. 15. 1819.

Jonas Whitney, Selectmen, Caleb Lincoln agent } of Lancaster
Thos H. Blood, Stephen Hastings, Elent Pope Jun } of Sterling

Sterling.

This certifies that we have this day perambulated the lines, and renewed the Marks between the towns of Lancaster and Boylston Dec 15. 1819.

Jonas Whitney, Selectmen of Lancaster
Caleb Lincoln agent } Boylston.
Hezekiah Gibbs, Levi How agent } of Boylston.

We the subscribers Selectmen of Lancaster and Shirley, have this day perambulated the line and renewed the Bound between said Towns as the law directs. Dec. 13. 1819.

Stephen Longley, Thomas Whitney, Elisha Sanderson, Solomon Carter agents for Lancaster. } Selectmen Shirley and Lancaster.

Shirley.

This certifies, that we have this day run the lines and renewed the Marks between Lancaster and Berlin.

Jonas Whitney Selectmen
Caleb Lincoln agent } of Lancaster
Jon. D. Merriam, Ephraim Babcock } Selectmen of Berlin.

Dec 15 1819.

Berlin.

1819.

Perambulating lines Continued

This certifies that we have this day run the lines and renewed the marks between the Towns of Lancaster and Bolton. Jonas Whitney Selectmen
Caleb Lincoln agent } of Lancaster.
James Townshend
James Townsend Jun agent } Selectmen Bolton

Bolton. Dec. 15. 1819.

Lunenburg.

We the subscribers, Selectmen of the Towns of Lunenburg and Lancaster, have this 13th day of December A.D. 1819. Perambulated the lines and renewed the Marks between the Towns agreeably to Law. — — — Elisha Sanderson } Selectmen
Solomon Carter } agent.
Abraham Peirce
Nathaniel Peirce

Leominster.

We Elisha Sanderson one of the Selectmen of Lancaster, and Solomon Carter Agent for said Town have this 13th day of December A.D. 1819 perambulated the lines between the town of Lancaster and renewed the Marks, with Deacon David Wilder and Jabez B. Low Two of the Selectmen of Leominster agreeably to Law. — —

Elisha Sanderson
Solomon Carter agent } Selectmen.
David Wilder
Jabez B. Low.

NB. The Stake in John Divol land near the ash Tree uncertain. —

True Copies
Attest J. Flagg Town Clerk

Worcester ss. To Mr. Nathaniel Rand, Constable of Lancaster. — Greeting. 1820.

March Meeting Warrant.

Seal.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified to vote in the choice of Representatives and in Town affairs, to assemble at the Old Meeting house in said Town, on Monday the sixth day of March next at one o'clock P.M. for the following purposes — viz —

1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2d. To give in their votes for County Treasurer.

3d. To choose Town officers for the year ensuing.

4th. To raise monies to defray the expences of the Town the current year and appropriate the same.

5th. To consider what course shall be pursued in regard to the suit of Princeton against Lancaster, relative to the Glazier family.

6th. To take into Consideration the Parish and Minister Tax set to Nathan Willard for the year 1819, and act any thing thereon.

7th. To consider the application of Elijah Wheelock for further compensation for the support of Thomas Bennett, and act any thing thereto.

Given under our hands & Seals this twenty first day of February A.D. 1820.

Elisha Sanderson
Jacob Fisher
Jonas Whitney
Select men of Lancaster.

Worcester ss. Feb. 21. 1820. The freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote as above, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing Warrant.

Notification.

Nath. Rand
Constable of Lancaster

1820. — March 6. 1820. Pursuant to the within, I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of Lancaster as within directed, by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs. —

March Warrant Return.

Nathl Rand } Constable Lancaster

A true Copy of the warrant notification and Return. Attest, Josiah Flagg town Clerk

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Proceedings. — At a meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified to vote in the Choice of Town Officers, and in Town affairs, duly assembled pursuant to the warrant and notification at the old Meeting house on Monday the sixth day of March A.D. 1820 at 1. o'clock P.M. — After reading the warrant, a List of Voters was read. — and Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esq. Moderator.

Prayers by the Revd Dr Thayer.

Riot act was read.

County Treasurer. The votes were called for by the Moderator for a County Treasurer, after being counted, the whole number was 107. and Samuel Allen Esq had the whole. — — —

Voted and chose Josiah Flagg Esq Town Clerk.

Voted that the Town Treasurer be chosen before we proceed to choose the Select men. —

Voted and chose Mr Davis Whitman Town Treas^r.

Voted and chose Messrs Jonas Whitney, Jon^a Locke, Josiah Bridge } Select men

Voted and chose Messrs Benj^a Wyman, Isaac Childs, Eben^r Wilder } Assessors

1820. March Meeting Proceedings Contin.d

The town proceeded to choose by nomination the following Gentlemen into Office. Viz.

Elias Danforth, Daniel Wilder, Eli Stearns, Peter Larkin, Jon.a Wilder, Nath.l Lowe, Ephraim Rugg, Sydney Howard, Salmon Willard, Caleb Lincoln, Oliver Baldwin, Moses Jones, Benj.a Farnsworth 2 John Carter, Salathiel Wetherbee — Surveyors of Highways.

Benj.a H. Foster — Sealer of Leather.

Isaac Cowdry, Hollis Bruce, Eli Stearns, Derby Willard — Field drivers

William Willard, Paul Faulkner, John Thurston Jun. John Carter 2 — Fence Viewers.

Jn.o Hawks Jr. Abijah White — Cullers of Staves.

Eliphaz Ballard, Nath.l Whitcomb, William Willard Thomas Sawyer Joseph Rugg Jun. — Hog reeves.

Jacob Fisher Jr. Jon.a Buttrick. — Surveyors of Lumber

Joseph Wales, Sam.l Manning. — Deer reeves.

Peter Howe, Abraham Mallard. — Fish wardens.

Eben.r Sawyer Josiah Bridge Levi Lewis Thos W Lyon — Wood measurers

Joshua Fletcher — Pound keeper.

Elijah Wilder Joseph Wales Solomon Carter — Tythingmen.

Voted and chose Mess.rs Jonathan Locke Luke Bigelow Joseph Wilder — Singing Committee

Voted and chose Doctor Manning & Doctor Carter — Vaccinating Committee.

Voted and chose Mess.rs John Thurston Davis Whitman Eli Stearns — Committee to hire Latin Grammar School Master

Town Officers.

1820. Voted that the Selectmen appoint suitable persons
March to take care of the several River Bridges.
meeting Voted to accept the list prepared, and exhibited
Proceed'd by the Town's Committee, of Suitable Persons
Continued to visit and examine the Schools viz

The Rev'd Nath'l Thayer D.D.
Davis Whitman, Josiah Bridge
Moses Smith, Tim'o Whiting
Sam'l Manning, Elisha Sanderson
Wm Cleveland, Silas Thurston Jr.
Wm Townshend, Levi Farwell
Charles Thurston, Silas Whiting

Highway Money $800. Voted to raise Eight Hundred Dollars to be laid out and expended in repairing the highways at the usual rate and after the usual manner and the residue of Monies for Town uses to be deferred until the adjournment.

Voted that the subject matter of the 5th article of the Warrant, be entirely left to the discretion of the Selectmen.

Voted to dismiss the sixth article.

Voted on the 7th article to commit the subject thereof to a Committee of Three, who are to take it into Consideration, and confer with McWheelock on the propriety of making him some weekly allowance and report their doings to the Town.

accordingly were chosen

Messrs Jonas Jane
Benj'a Heaghton
Salmon Willard

The prudential accounts were read and Committed for examination to a Committee of Three and accordingly were chosen.— 1820. March Proceedgs. Contin.d

Miss Davis Whitman,
John Davis,
Timothy Whiting,

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first mon day of April next, at 4° Clock Pm.—

accordingly it is adjourned. J. Fisher Modr.

True Copy attest, Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Worcester Ss. March 6. 1820. Personally appeared Jonas Whitney, Jonathan Locke and Josiah Bridge, Selectmen of the Town of Lancaster, and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties of their Office, as respects all Elections, and the returns thereof. Before me, Selectmen Sworn.

Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

I hereby certify, that Josiah Flagg Esqr. Clerk of the town of Lancaster, made oath that he would truly record all votes passed in the meeting at which he is chosen, and other town meetings during the year, and until another Clerk shall be chosen and sworn in his stead, and also faithfully to discharge all the other duties of his said Office. — Before me, Town Clerk Sworn. "

Israel Atherton, Justice of the Peace.

A true Copy, on file
Attest, Josiah Flagg town Clerk.

Lancaster March 25th 1820.

1820.

March

Town Officers Sworn

Worcester ss March 16. 1820. Personally appeared on the sixth day of March instant and between that time and the date hereof Messrs Davis Whitman Treasurer Jonas Whitney, Jonathan Locke, Josiah Bridge Selectmen. Benj Wyman Isaac Childs Ebenezer Wilder Assessors. Elias Danforth, Daniel Wilder Eli Stearns, Peter Larkin, Jon Wilder, Nath Sawyer Eph Rugg, Sydney Howard, Salmon Willard, Caleb Lincoln Oliver Baldwin, Moses Jones Benj Farnsworth 2d John Carter, Salathiel Wetherbee Surveyors of Highways. Benj Jr. Foster Sealer of Leather. Isaac Cowdry, Hollis Bruce Eli Stearns Derby Willard Field Drivers. Willm Willard, Paul Faulkner John Marshon Jun John Carter 2d. Fence Viewers. Elipha Ballard, Nath Whitcomb, Thomas Sawyer Joseph Rugg Jun Hogreeves. Jacob Fisher Jr Jon Buttrick Surveyors of Lumber. Peter Howe Abraham Mallard Fish wardens. Elen Sawyer, Josiah Bridge Thomas W Lyon Wood measurers. and were severally sworn to the performance of the duties of their offices to which they were respectively elected for the year ensuing.

Before me Josiah Haggis Town Clerk

Pound keeper

Worcester ss March 6. 1820. Personally appeared Joshua Fletcher and was duly sworn as a Keeper of the Town's Pound. Before me Josiah Haggis Jun Clerk.

Sect

April Warrant

To Nathaniel Rand Constable of the Town of Lancaster Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified to vote for Governor Lieut Governor Councellors Senators & Representatives and in Town affairs to assemble at the old Meeting house in said town on Monday the third day of April next at one o'Clock P.M. for the following purposes viz 1st To give in their votes for Governor Lieut Governor Councellors and Senators for the year ensuing

2d. To choose a Moderator to govern the meeting in Town affairs.

3d. To restrain Neat Cattle, Horses, mules and Asses from going at large on the public Highways, or act any thing thereon.—

4th. To make such allowance or consideration to Joel Oliver for supporting Relief Divell as the Town may think proper or act anything relating thereto.— — — — —

5th. To choose a Committee to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer respecting the Meeting House concerns or act any thing thereon.— — — — — — — — —

Given under our hands & Seal this twentieth day of March in the year 1820.—

Jonas Whitney
Jon^a Locke
Josiah Bridge
} Select-men of Lancaster

1820. April 3d Warrant Contin^d "

Worcester ss. March 20. 1820. The freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Lancaster, qualified as above mentioned are hereby notified to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes mentioned in the foregoing warrant.

Nathl Rand Constable of Lancaster

Notification "

Worcester ss April 3d 1820. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster, qualified to vote for Governor Lieut Governor, Senators and Counsellor, and in Town affairs to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein specified by posting the same at the meeting house as the law directs.— Nathl Rand Constable of Lancaster.

True Copies of the Warrant, and notification and Return thereon.

Attest Josiah Flagg Town Clerk

"

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Lancaster qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor Senators & Representatives holden at the old meeting house on the third day of April A.D. 1820. for the purpose of giving in their votes for Governor, Senators and Town affairs at the opening of the meeting, The act to prevent Profane Cursing and swearing was read, also the List of Voters. The Selectmen then Called on the

Proceedings "

1820 April meeting Proceeds Continued

Inhabitants to bring in their votes for Governor &c, The votes being handed in to the Selectmen were sorted and Counted and the whole number of Votes were - - - - - 231.

Votes for Governor &c. —

For Governor

His Excell^cy John Brooks had one hundred & seventy six.

Hon William Eustis " Fifty three. —

John Goodwin Two. — —

For Lieut Governor

His Honor William Phillips had one hundred & seventy six.

Hon. Benjamin Austin Fifty three.

John Goodwin One. —

John Goodwin jun One. — —

For Senators and Counsellors —

Hon. Stephen P. Gardner, one hundred & seventy six.

" Aaron Tufts, one hundred & seventy six.

" Lewis Bigelow, one hundred & seventy six.

" Samuel Eastman one hundred & seventy five.

" Levi Lincoln jun Fifty four.

Calvin Willard Esqr Fifty five.

Henry Sargent Esqr Fifty five.

James Estabrook Esqr Fifty five.

Sewall Carter One. —

The meeting is opened for town affairs. —

Voted and chose Jacob Fisher Esqr Moderator.

Cattle Restrained

Voted to restrain neat Cattle, horses, mules and asses, from going at large on the Public highways, from this day to the first day of November next inclusive,

Provided however, that the Selectmen may license necessitous persons, to turn out orderly Milch Cows to feed on said Public highways, the term aforesaid, said Cows having the owners name, marked on a label about their necks, but not to exceed one Cow to a family.

Voted on the fourth article to refer the subject matter thereof to the Selectmen. — — — —

Voted and chose a Committee of Three to audit the late Treasurers accounts, and were chosen Messrs Jonas Lane, Saml Manning, Moses Smith.

[illegible] the meeting Nonse concurs. [illegible]

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

1820 — April Meeting.

The adjournment of March Meeting was opened and the business continued.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on the prudential Accounts of the year 1819.

March meeting adjourn.

Voted and chose Nathaniel Rand Constable.

Voted to postpone the Raising Money to May meeting.

Voted that the Report of a Committee raised under the 7th article of March Meeting warrant respecting the Petition of Habijah Wheelock be recommitted.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday in May next at 4 o'Clock P.M.

Accordingly this meeting is adjourned

Jacob Fisher Moderator

Abbott Lovejoy Town Clerk

An account of the expenditures of the town of Lancaster from March 1. 1819. to March 1. 1820.

Prudential Accounts

	$	
New meeting house expence	54.11	
Rev^d Mr Thayers Salary	525.	
Entertaining town officers & Committees	85.99	
Bass Viol Strings	2.	
Stationary for town officers	5.80	
Assessing Taxes and list of Voters 1819	55.19	
Collecting Taxes for the year 1818 & 19	79.52	
Abatement of Taxes	34.15	
Town Clocks	203.50	
Recording Births & Deaths for 1818 and 19	14.48	
Perambulating Town lines	13.	1072.74
Bridges.		
Sprague's	3.	
Bennetts Mill Bridge	5.15	
Whites 18.16 Center Bridge Cutting ice 6.20	24.36	
Village Bridge 2.5 Turnpike pine 36.83	38.88	
Harris's Bridge cutting ice 1.50 Atherton 19.96	21.46	
Small Bridges	5.40	98.25
amt carried over		1170.99

1820. April, March: adjourn^t Prudential

To amount Brought over and Continued . $1170.99
Law suits supporting and defending &c 71.85
Postage of Letters 72

Poor

Supporting Clothing and doctoring . . 961.91
Overseeing Poor . . . . 45 — 1006.91

Schools.

Latin Gr. School House repairs wood &c . 16.55
English Gr Schools . . . . 848.7 — 864.62

Town Debt

Paid of Borrowed Money Town Debt . 497.40
Paid Treasurer for borrowing & paying money 14.95
Cash advanced for payment Rebecca D'Putrons place for which the town have a mortgage 28.6 — 540.41
Total expenditure . $3655.50

Peter Atherton and family having been assisted by the town, also Rebecca D'Putron having been assisted in paying for her real estate both of which amounts to about Seventy Dollars which sum is included in the amount for supporting poor which if deducted from the sum total for their support will leave for support of Poor the sum of - - - - - - - $891.91

Atherton and D'Putron's real estate are secured to the Town for the repayment of said sums.

Jacob Fisher
Lancaster Mar. 6 1820. Jonas Whitney } Selectmen of Lancaster

True copy attest Josiah Flagg town clerk.

Dr the town of Lancaster Contra . 1819 March 1. . Cr

To Town orders outstanding	746.84	By Debts due from sundry individuals about	200 —
" Collecting taxes & notifying town officers	100. —	" Ballance in Collectors hands	2497.33
" Money borrowed remaining unpaid	300 —		$2697.33
" Ballance due the Treasurer	537.5		
	1683.89		
Ballance due Town	1013.44		
	$2697.33		

1819. Dr. The town of Lancaster in acct. with Eli Stearns Town Treasurer. 61

Ap. 13	For town orders pr. Selectmen's Receipts	$ 1748.34	1819 Mar. 2	By ballance of last year's Account	$ 947.
July 7	" For Town orders pr. Selectmen's Rec'd.	202.90		" ballance in Collector Farwell's hands	201.
1820	For Joseph Farwells note	10.20		" ballance in Collector Rands hands	480.
Feb 24	For Town orders pr. Selectmens Rec'd.	1227.91	Aug 4	" Assessments for the present year	5415
Mar 6	For Town orders pr. Selectmen's Rec'd.	1895.41		" Ballance due the Treasurer	537.
	For ballance in Collector Rands hands	2497.33			
		$ 7582.09			$ 7582.0

Lancaster March 6. 1820. We believe the above Statement to be Correct. Eli Stearns Town Treasurer.

Jacob Fisher
Elisha Sanderson
Jonas Whitney
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

Committee's Report.

Your Committee appointed to examine the Prudential accounts of the Town the past year, have attended the service assigned them, and respectfully Report, the accounts of the Selectmen & Treasurer, are regularly kept, and properly vouched, and that they have merited the approbation of the Town.

Davis Whitman.
John Davis, Jr.
Timothy Whiting.

A true Copy of all the proceedings of April Meeting, and the adjournment of March meeting.

Attest. Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Worcester ss April 8th 1820 Nathaniel Rand personally appeared, and took the oath prescribed by Law in the Office of Constable and Collector for the Town of Lancaster the Current year.

Before me Josiah Flagg Just Pacis.

Lancaster July 9. 1816. The following services were this day performed at the laying of the Corner Stone of the new Meeting House. viz.

An address by the Rev. Nathaniel Thayer,

The 87th Psalm in Belknaps collection was sung to the tune of Old Hundred by a full Choir of Singers, lead by Mr. James Newhall. — —

And a prayer by the Rev. Nathaniel Thayer, Concluded the Ceremonies. The corner stone was then laid, under which a silver plate was deposited with this Inscription. "Fourth House built in Lancaster for the Worship of God. Corner Stone laid July A.D. 1816. May God make our ways prosperous, and give us good success." Rev. Nathaniel Thayer Pastor of our Church,

A true Copy of the Inscription,

Attest, Josiah Flagg Town Clerk.

Dr New Meeting House expence - - - - - - - - - - Cr

To the lot of land appraised at . .	$ 633.33	By Appraisment of the Pews	$ 20,000
" Sundry accounts of the Committee as pr account rendered . .	18928.66	" ballance against the house .	428.99
" Sundry accts as pr Prudential acct . .	112.45		
" Sundries pr do do . .	91.65		
" Shed at meeting house . . .	29.64		
" Bell Frame	9.91		
" Town Clock expence to 1820 - - -	415.89		
" Ballance on Mr Stearns account .	116.48		
1820 Octo 13th " Mr Stearns accot rend to Oct 13 .	40.98		
	20,428.99		$ 20.428.99

Dec 26 1820. This account was exhibited and read to the Town at a Meeting held by adjournment to Rands Hall.

~~Attest~~ Josiah Flagg town Clerk

By information, the earliest records of the Town were in the possession of William Greenleaf Esq, when he was in Office as Clerk of the Town, the truth is, they have never come into my hands. Attest Josiah Flagg town Clerk of Lancaster.

April 8. 1820.

1808 April 6th delivered [illegible] the 2 Vols. of Commonwealth Laws to 1800 also 2 Pamphlets of Laws for Jany Sessions 1803 and Jany Sessions 1807. for the use of the Assessors. — — — J. Flagg town Clerk.

1812.

A List of Person's who have filed Certificates agreeable to the Provision made in the Religious act.

Viz Benjd W Willard, Jeremiah Dyar, Paul Willard
Ephraim Emerson, Leonard Farwell, Benjd Willard
Jonathan Barrett, William Willard, Salmd Willard
Moses Barrett, Joseph Rogers, Sabatiel Wetherbee
Timothy Lewis, Jeremiah Evans, Isaac Cowdrey
Joseph Nichols, Luther Lyon, Jno Burdett
Joshua Fisher, Jno Haskell, Benjd Morse jun
Charles Chase, Paul Faulkner, Joseph Farwell
Joseph Farwell 2, Lamd Damon, Lamd Damon jun
Calvin Johnson, Timo Whiting, Ezekl Price
Peter A Gould, Jno Greenleaf, Israel Butler
Edward Fuller, Solomon Fuller, Jno Wilder 2.
Elias Emerson, Robt Hudson, Robt Hudson jun
Daby Willard, Richard Haven — 41.

Nathan Willard
Ivory Wilds
Oliver Burt
Elijah Wilds
Nathl Turner
Reuben Barrett
} of Shirley Nonresidents of Lands in Lancaster.

1813 April 5
James Fuller, Abel Willard
Nahum Hastings, Jno Hawks Jr.
Nathl Hastings
Merrick Price.

Apr. 29. Aaron Woodbury.
Edmd Stone
Thos Burpee

Lutha Johnson
Joseph Upton
Danl Burbank
Jno Coolidge
Ephm Robbins
Abner Fisher
Aaron Johnson
} 1814 May 2

Consider Studley May 1. 1815. Mar 4 1816
Nat Whittemore
Nat Whittemore Jr
Prescott Whittemore
} 1816.

Dr James Carter
Joseph Farwell 2

School District Apr 1806.
D. D. July 6 1818

1816.
~~Aaron~~ Jones
Jno Wilder 2
Cal. Johnson
Jahne Thomas
Silas Cutting
Jno Burdett
Ben Butler
Luther Lyon
Moses Chase
Nathan Burdett
Stephen Sargant
Simon Whitney
Charles Chase
Aaron Chambers
Jno Wilder 3
Walton Burbank
Jabez Damon
Farrington Hawks
1818
Robt Townshend Mar 2
Jno Davis Jr. Mar 3.
Jonas Johnson Mar 3
Allanson Chase Mar 7
Moses Emerson Apr 29.
Ben Willard 2d Apr 16 1818
Ruben Zweans June 9. 1818
1819
Mar 1 Levi Farwell
" " Benj. Farwell
" " Joseph Rugg Jr.
" 20 Nathan Willard
" " Elijah Wilds
" " Ruben Barrett
April 29. Thomas Hazen

1820
April 3d Charles Chase Jr.
" 7 Moses Hayward
May 1. Lon Barrett
" A C Willard
2 Wm Walker
8 Thos T. Chapin.

1819
May 1. Abel Wilder
May 3 Jno Capen
May 4 Aaron Burbank